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THE NEW GOVERNOR-GENERAL OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA: THE RIGHT HON. LORD FORSTER, P.C., D.L.

It was announced on June 15 that the King had approved the appointment of Lord Forster as Governor-General and Commander-in-Chief of the Commonwealth of Australia, in succession to Sir Ronald Munro-Ferguson, who will shortly retire. Lord Forster, who was raised to the Peerage last year, was previously well known as Mr. H. W. Forster, M.P. He sat in the House of Commons for nearly twenty-eight years, repre-

senting Sevenoaks (as a Unionist) until the last General Election, and, after that, Bromley. On the formation of the first Coalition during the war he was appointed Financial Secretary to the War Office, and a Member of the Army Council. In his younger days Lord Forster was a good all-round sportsman and a first-rate cricketer and golfer. He married the Hon. Rachel Montagu. Both their sons fell in the war.

By G. K. CHESTERTON.

THE critics of the cinema divide themselves according to a principle with which we are only too familiar in other cases—as in that of the critics of the public-house. The unjust and unreasonable criticism of the cinema crops up with facility in every discussion. And the just and reasonable criticism of the cinema is not a criticism of the cinema, but of the whole of the diseased industrial society that produces it. Short of the drastic reform of that society, there is only one thing to be done either for the public-house

or the picture-house. It is to do our best to encourage the proper use of the institution for its own proper purposes, and not for all sorts of insanely unsuitable purposes. In this respect there is only too much of a current and most demoralising habit, which I may call the careless cant of idealism. For instance, some will say that the best stories-and, perhaps, only the best stories-should be filmed for the public benefit. It is not true, and it comes very near to being the reverse of the truth. It would be nearer the mark to say that only inferior and not superior romances should be thus exhibited, for the moral benefit of mankind. But the right way of putting it, of course, is to say that certain stories of a rowdy or romantic sort will be well exhibited, and will do good; while others, of a subtle and intellectual sort, will be badly exhibited and will do harm. They will do harm to the book, of which the more delicate and detailed merits will be lost; but they will do more harm to the public, who will suffer the illusion that it has read the book when it has not. This obvious principle applies, of course, as much to a play as to a book, if a play is one depending on dialogue or on tone. There was a rumour

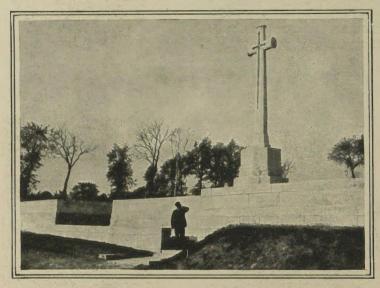
recently that the "Pygmalion" of Mr. Bernard Shaw was to be filmed. It was, I think, unauthorised; but it is strange that it should be even reported. To talk of seeing "Pygmalion" on the cinema is like talking of having heard the Venus of Milo on the trombone, or of having bought a very good etching of an essay. It is not so much unsuitable as simply unmeaning; the words do not make any logical and scarcely any grammatical sense. The whole point of "Pygmalion"

consists in words being pronounced with a particular accent, and you can no more film an accent than you can carve a tune or sing a statue. Yet I have known real cases quite as extraordinary. On the other hand, what is called the vulgar and sensational use of the cinema is obviously the worthy and sensible use of the cinema. A healthy murder story, a fine farcical burglary, a chase full of antics and surprises, even a drama of detection if it depend on dramatic exits and entrances—these are the things that this form of art can really do artistically.

My thoughts were turned to this topic by a telegram I received from America, asking me what I thought of the dictum that the cinema must replace the novel. I dd not say all I thought of it; but I pointed out,

of course, that no form of art can ever replace any other form of art. An epic is not a substitute for an epigram. It is not a substitute, because it does not serve the same purpose. You are in the habit of dropping some diamond of epigrammatic wit, as you salute your hostess in some crowded reception. If you were to expand before her all the epic splendours, I will not say of "Paradise Lost," but even of some lighter trifle in forty or fifty cantos, such as "Orlando Furioso," you would create rather a social strain than a social relaxation. If this is true of eternal forms like the epic, it is obviously more true of modern forms like the cinema.

As for the people who say that murder stories incite to murder, one is tempted merely to the reckless reply



THE CROSS OF SACRIFICE: A BRITISH MILITARY CEMETERY
NEARING COMPLETION:

Each cemetery has its Cross of Sacrifice and its Stone of Remembrance. The latter bears the words. "Their Name Liveth for Evermore' (Ecclesiasticus 44, v. 14.)

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that their criticisms of murder stories really might. But it will be enough for most of us to know that the temptations to crime are in life and not in literature or any other art; and, if a man does not steal because he is too poor to afford food, he will hardly do it merely because he is sufficiently rich to afford cinemas. We also know that any attempt to exclude murder stories would not be an attack on the lowest literature, but on the highest literature. "Hamlet" is a murder story;

hardly bring myself to believe it) that the censorship of cinemas forbids the firing of a pistol if the victim is supposed to be killed, but permits it if he is supposed to recover. Lord knows from what lunatic asylums our laws may come nowadays; but this would appear to be sufficiently absurd even for its own absurd object of preventing a child from becoming an assassin. It would seem somewhat safer that the little boy (of whom we all live in such bodily fear) should know that the pistol kills and the pistoller is hanged, rather than he

should fire in all directions, under the impression that people will recover from a pistol as easily as from a pea-shooter. I do not know what else the object could be, unless it were to prevent mankind from discovering the existence of death.

Meanwhile, of course, as I have hinted, the only real objection to the cinema is one that nobody mentions. Nobody mentions it, because everybody is helping to do the same thing in ways that are far worse. It is the indictment against the whole of our modern mechanical and urban civilisation, and it is simply this—that people cannot enjoy themselves. That is, they cannot amuse themselves, and therefore they must be amused. They do not enjoy themselves, just as they do not govern themselves, because they are not free men and do not own themselves. They have to enjoy something that does not come from themselves, but from a class of men richer or more cunning or more scientific than themselves. So in the decline of Rome the semi-servile rabble cried to the Emperor for circuses as well as for bread. Men will not be truly free so long as they depend

even on the most magic machine for the emotion of seeing other people falling off precipices or rescuing brides from burning houses. Freedom will mean a citizen's interest in his own wife, in his own hearth, or his own house on fire; and a free man will fall off his own private precipice.

But this is a criticism not especially of the cinema, but of the whole machinery of modern life—a

machinery of which nearly everybody justly complained because it was going too fast, and of which nearly everybody now justly complains because it has suddenly stuck. Strikes, lock-outs, high prices, high taxes, the talk of bankruptcy, are all so many ways ot saying that it has suddenly stuck, Capitalism is not at present even a practical success, far less a moral or artistic one. But public - houses and play-houses and picture theatres are no more specially perilous or poisonous than teashops and haberdashers' shops and hair-dressing saloons. And the habit of suspecting them and spying on them and picking particular holes in them is only a part of the worst hypocrisy of modern humanitarianism. It is part of the trick of attacking the pleasures of the poor before the

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"Macbeth" and "Othello" are murder stories. Dante deals with murderers, as well as with all the other crimes that are and are not printed in the police news. In the Bible the story of mankind begins with a murder, and ends with the most awful of all possible murders. In the face of all this I have been told (though I can

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problems of the poor. It is the fashionable amusement of dictating the hygienic arrangements of the home without knowing whether there is a home; of forcing the people to take physic when you do not know when they have taken food; and forbidding a man to have beer without allowing him to have bread.

PEOPLE IN THE PUBLIC EYE: PERSONALITIES OF THE WEEK.

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THE U.S. ARMY POLO TEAM IN LONDON: (L. TO R.) CAPT. ALLEN, COL. NELSON MARGETTS, CAPT. TATE, CAPT. HARRIS. AND CAPT. RUMBOUGH.



THE NEW BISHOP OF DURHAM: THE RIGHT REV. DR. HENSLEY HENSON.

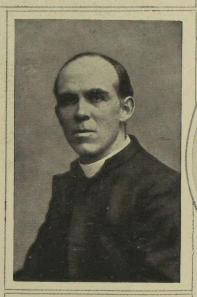
A TURKISH SUBJECT (PRO-BRITISH) GIVEN THE D.S.O.: CAPT. A. AARONSOHN.



ASSASSINATED IN PARIS BY A COMPATRIOT . ESSAD PASHA, THE ALBANIAN LEADER.



THE NEW BISHOP OF HEREFORD DR. MARTIN LINTON SMITH.



THE NEW BISHOP OF CARLISLE: THE RIGHT REV. H. H. WILLIAMS.



REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE FOR THE U.S. PRE-SIDENCY: SENATOR WARREN G. HARDING.



THE DEATH OF A GREAT FRENCH ACTRESS: THE LATE MME. RÉJANE (GABRIFILE CHARLOTTE RÉJU).



REPORTED TO BE ENGAGED TO PRINCESS ELIZABETH OF ROUMANIA: THE DUKE OF SPARTA,



REPORTED TO BE ENGAGED TO THE DUKE OF SPARTA PRINCESS ELIZABETH OF ROUMANIA.

The American Army Polo Team, which recently arrived in England from the Rhine, has been playing very well at Ranelagh and Roehampton.—Several new Bishops have recently been appointed. At Durham Dr. Hensley Henson, Bishop of Hereford, succeeds the late Dr. Moule, and is succeeded at Hereford by Dr. Martin Linton Smith, D.S.O., D.D., Bishop-Suffragan of Warrington. The Rev. H. H. Williams, Principal of St. Edmund Hall, Oxford, becomes Bishop of Carlisle in place of the late Dr. Diggle.—The King gave the D.S.O. recently to Capt. Alexander Aaronsohn, a Turkish subject of Jewish birth, who did valuable secret service work for the British Army in Palestine. The Turks

tortured his father and sister.—Essad Pasha, at one time Provisional President of Albania, was shot dead in Paris on June 13 by a young Albanian named Aveni Rustem.—Senator Warren G. Harding, of Ohio, was adopted on June 12 by the Republican National Convention at Chicago as its candidate for the United States Presidency.—Mme. Réjane, the famous actress, died in Paris on June 14. She was born there in 1857.—The "Morning Post" of June 15 was "authoritatively informed" that Princess Elizabeth, eldest daughter of the King and Queen of Roumania, has been betrothed to the Duke of Sparta, elder brother of the King of Greece.

GERMAN ELECTIONS; "DR. JIM"; PRINCESS MARY; LABOUR DELEGATES.

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POST-WAR ELECTIONEERING AS CONDUCTED IN GERMANY: A STREET PROCESSION CARRYING NUMEROUS PROPAGANDA PLACARDS.



HOW VOTING IS CONDUCTED IN GERMANY TO-DAY: A SCENE AT A POLLING STATION IN BERLIN, WITH WOMEN VOTERS.



THE PROTON PRACE OF THEFE WAS



THE RE-BURIAL OF "DR. JIM": THE CHOIR ASCENDING THE MATOPO HILLS.

WHERE "DR. JIM" HAS BEEN BURIED BESIDE CECIL RHODES: GUARDED BY B.S.A. POLICE: THE COFFIN, THE STONE MARKING "CONSECRATED GROUND."

SUSPENDED OVER THE GRAVE.



RECENTLY RETURNED FROM RUSSIA WITH A REPORT ON BOL-SHEVISM: THE BRITISH LABOUR COMMISSION AT NARVA, ESTHONIA.



PRINCESS MARY PERFORMS HER FIRST PUBLIC CEREMONY: HER ROYAL HIGHNESS STARTING THE NEW MOTOR FIRE-ENGINE AT WINDSOR.

Official results of the German elections to the Reichstag and the National Assembly were issued in Berlin on June 9. The 460 Deputies elected to the Reichstag comprise-Majority Socialists, 110; Centre, 88; Democrats, 45; German Nationals, 65; German People's Party, 61; Independent Socialists, 80; Communists, 2; Other Parties, 9. The results reveal a strong element of the old bureaucratic and militarist spirit.—The re-burial of Sir Starr Jameson (formerly known as "Dr. Jim") beside his friend and leader, Cecil Rhodes, at World's View on the Matopo Hills, Rhodesia, took place on May 22. It may be recalled that Sir Starr Jameson died in England in November 1917.

The body was placed temporarily in a vault at Kensal Green, and was recently conveyed to South Africa.—The above photograph of the British Labour Commission shows (from left to right in front): Messrs. H. Skinner, T. Shaw, R. Williams (bareheaded, at back), R. Wallhead; Mrs. Snowden; Messrs. D. Haden Guest, Clifford Allen (with pipe), A. A. Purcell, C. R. Buxton (at the back), Ben Turner, Chairman (cap and beard), and W. Meakin (glasses and light overcoat). Princess Mary performed her first public ceremony on June 14 at Windsor, where she started the Royal Borough's new motor fire-engine, which has been named after her.

A DANTE "FIND"? A FOURTEENTH-CENTURY FRESCO AT RAVENNA.

PHOTOGRAPH BY PIRTRO BRZZI.



PAINTED ON THE VERY WALL WITHIN WHICH DANTE WAS ORIGINALLY BURIED: A FRESCO DISCOVERED DURING THE RESTORATION OF THE CHURCH OF SAN FRANCESCO, AT RAVENNA, AND BELIEVED TO BE A PORTRAIT OF HIM.

Great interest has been aroused by the discovery at Ravenna, where Dante died in 1321, of a fresco believed to be a portrait of the poet dating from the second half of the fourteenth century. The fresco (here reproduced) was found recently by Don Antonio Rotondi during the restoration of the Church of San Francesco, which is being carried out in view of the approaching celebration, on September 21, 1921, of the sixth centenary of Dante's death. The figure is considered to be that of Dante by Prof. Gérola, Superintendent of National Monuments in Italy; for the fresco is painted on the very wall and at the same spot where the poet was originally buried by Guido Novello, Lord of Ravenna,

who was Dante's last patron. In 1677 the remains were removed to a secret resting-place to avoid their being carried away to Florence. In 1865 the coffin containing the bones of Dante was found during alterations to the church. The garb and pose of the figure in the fresco are identical with those of the bust over the monument to Dante executed by Pietro Lombardi and erected in 1483 by Bernardo Bembo. We are indebted for these particulars, and for the photograph of the fresco, to Signor A. Valgimigli, Hon. Sec. of the Manchester Dante Society. He also sends a photograph of a second fresco found at the same time, containing another portrait of Dante. This we shall publish later.

ITS GLORIES REVIVED: ASCOT, THE SEASON'S MOST BRILLIANT EVENT.

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THE ROYAL ARRIVAL: A GENERAL VIEW OF THE PROCESSION ALONG THE COURSE.



IN A STATE CARRIAGE DRAWN BY A TEAM OF GREYS: THE KING AND QUEEN, WITH PRINCESS MARY, DRIVING DOWN THE COURSE.

This year's Ascot—the second since the war—revived the former glories of the famous race meeting as the most brilliant social event of the season. The King arranged to be present on each of the four days and to entertain large parties to lunch on the course. It was stated that the Queen might decide to be there only on the two principal days—Tuesday (June 15), the opening day, and Thursday, Cup Day. On this occasion it was

arranged to hold the Ascot State Processions only on those two days, instead of an each day of the meeting, as was done last year. To save the horses, their Majesties and their guests motored part of the way from Windsor, and then entered the open carriages. The Royal carriage was drawn by four of the King's handsome greys, with postillions in their brilliant old-time uniforms. The other seven carriages were drawn by teams of bays.



DESIGNED BY TITE AND OPENED BY QUEEN VICTORIA IN 1844: THE PRESENT ROYAL EXCHANGE-A BAXTER PRINT BY GEORGE BAXTER (1806-1867).

copy of its Antwerp prototype, was opened in 1570. The open quadrangle was surrounded by an arcade, above which ran a similar gallery, called the Pawn (German, Bahn-a path), divided into a hundred small shops, from the rents of which the founder hoped to recoup himself for his outlay. They let ill at first, but

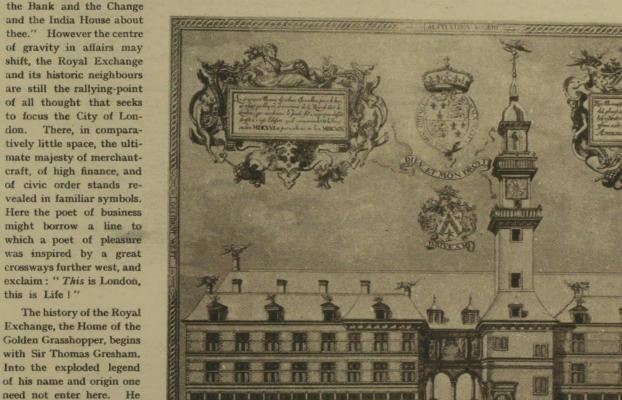
Sept. 28, 1669. As before, the upper galleries were used for bric-à-brac shops, but in 1739 they were deserted by fashionable trade and took a new dignity, for they had become in part the offices of the Royal Exchange Assurance Corporation, which, amid all the varying fortunes of actual stone and lime, still remains and flourishes increasingly in the present structure, the third on the original site. Once again, on Jan. 10, 1838, fire destroyed the Royal Exchange. The

> third and existing building, designed by Tite, was opened by Queen Victoria on Oct. 24, 1844, and formal business began on the New Year's Day following.

From the uses of Gresham's original intention, the great court of the Royal Exchange has declined considerably. No throngs frequent the quadrangle: once or twice a week a few bill-brokers meet there, but the central area usually suggests "a cessation—a cooln ss from business - an indolence almost cloistral." Not so the circumambient buildings. There flows the full flood of Lloyd's, nervecentre of the Seven Seas; there also is the busy hive of the Royal Exchange Assurance Corporation, securing from loss not only sea-borne property, but the lives, the homes, and the effects of the citizen. Faithful to its bursarial home, as one might say, this venerable but everyouthful Corporation goes

on from strength to strength, justifying its great

It has a history worth recording, this House within a House. It begins at the moment when the South Sea Bubble, blown almost to bursting point, filled 'Change Alley with "a strange concourse of statesmen and clergymen, Churchmen and Dissenters,



OPENED BY QUEEN ELIZABETH IN 1570, AND DESTROYED IN THE GREAT FIRE, 1666: THE FIRST ROYAL EXCHANGE (SIR THOMAS GRESHAM'S)-THE SOUTH FRONT.

exchange on English money ruled very low. This Gresham set himself to amend, and thereby got Edward VI. out of debt. The Burse at Antwerp had given Sir Thomas's father the idea of a similar institution for London, where merchants met in all weathers in Lom-

bard Street. It was reserved for the son to carry

this design into actual practice. His building, a close

this is Life!"

came of a noble Norfolk

family whose crest was a

grasshopper. In 1551 he

went to Antwerp as the

King's Merchant, or Royal

Agent, at a time when the

N the very heart of stirring and living com-

merce - amid the fret and fever of specu-

lation," the Royal Exchange looks down upon a

vortex of traffic more dizzy and impetuous by many

degrees than the tides that swirled there when Charles

Lamb wrote the words here quoted. He used them

more particularly to describe that phantom, the South

Sea House; but Gresham's solid foundation was in-

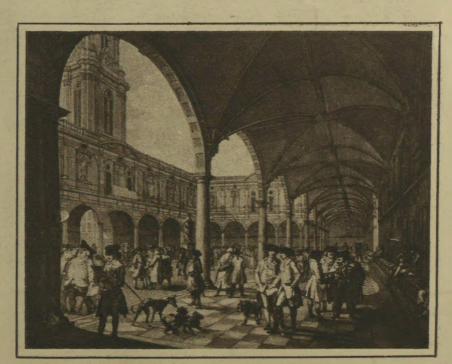
evitable to the picture, for Elia goes on to add, "with

at last the Pawn became the society lounge, as the old plays attest.

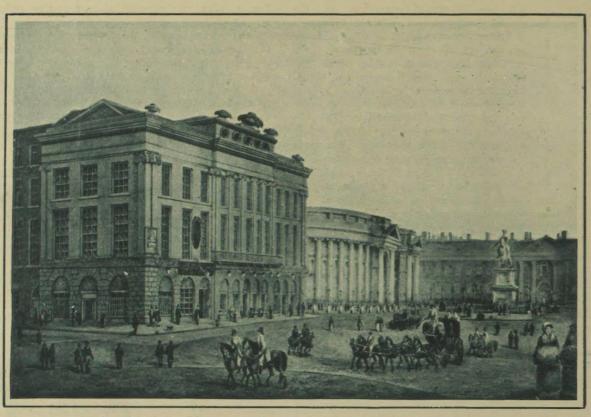
Gresham's beautiful Exchange perished almost entirely in the Great Fire. Another was immediately begun, Charles II. fixing the first pillar in 1667. Meanwhile the merchants met in Gresham College. The new building, designed by Jerman, was opened on



OPENED IN 1669: THE SECOND ROYAL EXCHANGE (WHOSE FIRST PILLAR WAS FIXED BY CHARLES II.) BUILT AFTER THE GREAT FIRE-AN ENGRAVING BY BARTOLOZZI IN 1788.



SHOWING THE UPPER GALLERIES, WHERE THE ROYAL EXCHANGE ASSURANCE CORPORATION HAD ITS OFFICES: THE INTERIOR OF THE ROYAL EXCHANGE IN 1788-A BARTOLOZZI ENGRAVING.



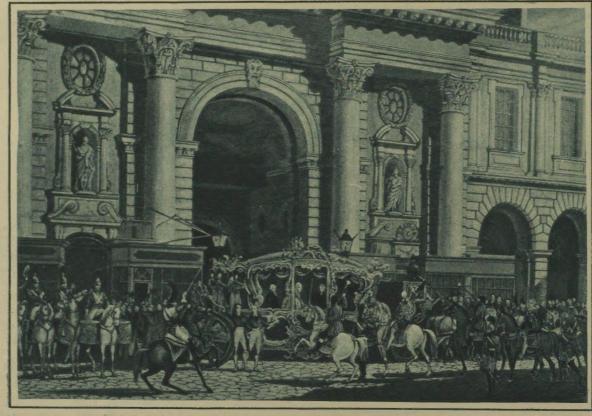
SHOWING THE BANK OF IRELAND, TRINITY COLLEGE, AND THE DUBLIN BRANCH OF THE ROYAL EXCHANGE ASSURANCE CORPORATION (LEFT FOREGROUND): COLLEGE GREEN, DUBLIN, IN 1808.

Whigs and Tories, physicians and lawyers, tradesmen and even females."

In 1717, Case Billingsley, a City solicitor, infected with speculating mania, formed a scheme of Marine Insurance destined to prove no bubble but a sound concern. In January 1718, he had found so much support that his group petitioned Government for a charter. In this the directors did not succeed, but they cast about to purchase some charter, old, but still valid. They discovered that of the Mines Royal, The Mineral, and Battery Works (Elizabeth, 1568), which still carried rights of incorporation. This they purchased, and although their warrant only ran for mining gold, silver, tin, and other metals in Great Britain," they boldly embarked on Marine Insurance. Perhaps they were not so far off the letter of their licence after all, for their undertaking has certainly resulted in much gold, silver and, popularly speaking, "tin." It was important, however, to get the Corporation formally legalised, for enemies were abroad. With the help of Lord Onslow they persuaded George I. to grant a charter, in return for which the Corporation helped his Majesty over an awkward stile to the tune of £300,000. On June 22, 1720, therefore, the Mines Royal, The Mineral, and Battery Works was duly incorporated by Royal Charter under the name of the Royal Exchange Assurance. South Sea Stock was by this time dead, but the new insurance company was growing to vigorous manhood.

In the following year the Crown granted a second charter empowering the directors to undertake Fire

and Life Insurance; but for quite a century the main part of the business was Marine. Nevertheless the directors got the Fire Insurance machinery well in hand, against the day when the public would better appreciate the benefits offered. A special Fire Committee was formed. Firemen and porters were engaged, for in those days the ricketty parish fire-engine lightened risks only to a negligible extent, and underwriters had to send out their own engines and brigades. The Royal Exchange Assurance firemen wore a yellow uniform lined with pink (what did such finery look like after a big fire?), steel caps covered with leather, and carried crow-bars, pickaxes, and "preventors in the nature of boat-hooks." Rates were fixed, agents appointed, and printed proposals hung in all the coffee-houses. The Corporation decided to do no fire business in America, unless where they had an agent on the spot. In one of the corridors of the office, the visitor may see one of the Company's old hand fire-engines, still handsome and beautifully kept, an early example of Merryweather's fine work. This machine probably played its useful part at the burning of the Exchange in 1838. But that blaze defeated the appliances of the times. By it the Company lost many valuable and interesting records of its early undertakings, and certain gaps in its history will never be adequately filled. That is all the more regrettable, because of the extreme interest of the period. . The Company has seen the foundation of our Indian Empire, the Secession of the American Colonies, the Declaration of Independence, the wars of Frederick the Great, the Forty-Five, the Napoleonic



WITH THE PORTICO OF THE ROYAL EXCHANGE AS A PICTURESQUE BACKGROUND: THE PROCLAMATION OF KING GEORGE IV., IN 1820.



THE SECOND ROYAL EXCHANGE DESTROYED BY FIRE, ON JANUARY 10, 1838: A CONTEMPORARY LITHOGRAPH SHOWING THE FIRE-ENGINES OF THE PERIOD.

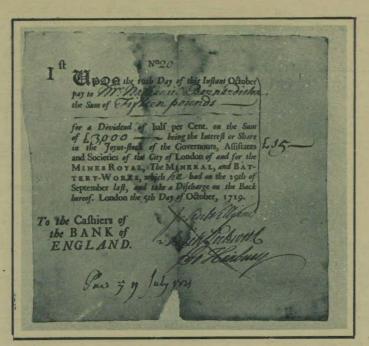
drama, the progress and combats of the Nineteenth Century, and that titanic struggle which throws all chronicles of warfare into insignificance. Yet through all storms and changes it keeps its place "On 'Change," increasingly secure and prosperous.

As a Napoleonic war episode one may recall a certificate still preserved in the office, stating that the subscriptions of the officers, clerks and others of the Corporation towards the funds for the South Coast Defences amounted to £177 138. 6d. Another reflection of that epoch is the effect of the war on the rates for marine insurance. Up to 1793, when war



AS USED IN 1722: THE FIRE MARK
OF THE ROYAL EXCHANGE ASSURANCE CORPORATION.

with France began, the average marine premium income was between £20,000 and £100,000. Immediately thereafter it rose rapidly, touching £300,000



ISSUED IN 1719: A DIVIDEND WARRANT OF THE MINES ROYAL, THE MINERAL, AND BATTERY WORKS, WHOSE CHARTER THE ROYAL EXCHANGE ASSURANCE CORPORATION BOUCHT.

ONE OF THE OLD HAND FIRE-ENGINES OF THE ROYAL EXCHANGE ASSURANCE CORPORATION: AN EARLY EXAMPLE OF MERRYWEATHER'S WORK.

in 1799. With the Peace of Amiens it fell below £100,000. On the renewal of hostilities the figure

mounted again, reaching beyond £950,000 in 1814—a record amount, not paralleled again until the Great War. Documents of 1815 attest the Directors' generosity towards distressed factory workers and labourers and the industrial poor of London. The Company also subscribed largely to the Waterloo Memorial.

The Royal Exchange Assurance has emerged from the stress of the recent war with flying colours. The greater number of its young men saw active service in the field; those who could not do so followed an old tradition of the House—the example of those former officials who, during the Chartist Riots of 1844, enrolled in the ranks of the Special Constables.

Together with the records of 120 years, the fire of 1838 cost the Corporation many valuable pictures and pieces of furniture. The office is still, however, the home of ing paintings and engravings relating to domestic history. There one may trace in series the whole architectural history of the Royal Exchange, where this venerable Corporation resides under the shadow of the portico that forms so picturesque a background to the heraldic pageantry of Royal Proclamations. Saving Westminster itself, there is not, perhaps, another corner of London where so much history converges. Within you may read it in pictorial microcosm. Some of the treasures are here reproduced by the courtesy of the Directors. Particularly noteworthy are

the two Bartolozzi engravings of the second Exchange. A coloured lithograph of minor importance claims passing notice on account of a curious happening. On the day the present writer visited the offices, it was remarked by an official that the lithograph in question, a view from the roof, strained actuality by showing the towers of Westminster. This was believed to be a stretch of the artist's imagination. Later the visitor was taken

to the roof to enjoy the wonderful view of London. Some trick of light or windy distribution of smoke that evening had achieved the seemingly impossible. The officer of the Company had no sooner looked westward over the tympanum, than he exclaimed: "The artist's right, after all!" I never saw Westminster from here before!" And there, exquisitely outlined against an amber sky, rose that magical group of towers.

An essay as long as one of Macaulay's would not exhaust the absorbing detail of this old Corporation's progress. From a point of

mere historical association, it provides material for volumes. Literature, as well as Art, finds encouragement within its walls, for the staff, until the outbreak of the war, conducted its own magazine, edited by a distinguished playwright, who formerly was a member of the Corporation's staff. But business is business, and that is the first concern. The others are graceful accessories of a House that knows how to combine commerce with culture,

on the good old plan of the mediæval guilds. In business pure and simple, the Royal Exchange Assurance is intensely alive. Even amid the shock of the fire of 1838, the Corporation inaugurated an important reform in its Life Branch. For more than

120 years the profits from life policies were trans-

ferred to the benefit of the stockholders, but from

Jan. 1, 1842, the principle of participating policies was adopted.

All through the Nineteenth Century, although the Corporation's financial position was very sound, no great expansion resulted until the closing years. For the last twenty-five years a policy of expansion has been adopted which has vindicated itself in the rapid increase of all departments. In 1899 the Accident Department was opened. Six years later the Corporation originated the practice of appointing insurance companies as trustees and



FIRST DRESSED IN YELLOW UNIFORM LINED WITH PINK: A FIREMAN OF THE ROYAL EXCHANGE ASSURANCE CORPORA-TION IN 1832.

executors. The premium income is the sure index of recent rapid growth. In 1891 it stood at only £436,000; in 1900 this figure was doubled; in 1902 it had leaped to over £1,000,000. The second million, however, was not reached until thirteen years later. But speed was again accelerated to a remarkable degree. Only four years more, and the sum exceeded £3,500,000. Such figures need no comment. They justify most amply, however, the Corporation's pride in its reputation, built up during two centuries of honest endeavour and capable management.

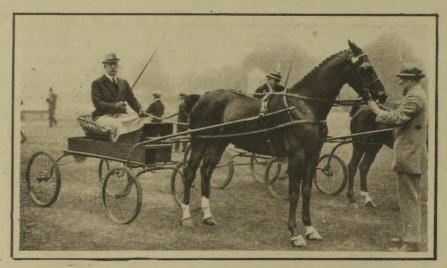


IN THE DAYS WHEN INSURANCE COMPANIES PROVIDED THEIR OWN FIRE BRIGADES:
ENGINES ARRIVING AT THE SCENE OF A LONDON FIRE IN 1830.

Royalty at the Richmond Horse Show: The King's Interest in the Mounted Police Competition.



WITH THE PRIZES: (L. TO R.) KING MANOEL, QUEEN AUGUSTA, PRINCESS ALICE, QUEEN AMELIE, THE MARQUESS OF CAMBRIDGE, THE EARL OF ATHLONE MR. ROMER WILLIAMS.



THE ORGANISER OF THE PARADE OF OLD CARRIAGES AT OLYMPIA: CAPTAIN BERTRAM MILLS WITH HIS EDGWARE MARVEL, A PRIZE-WINNER.



WINNER OF THE COACHING CLUB FOUR-IN-HAND COMPETITION: MR. C. J. PHILLIPS' TEAM OF BAY-BROWNS.



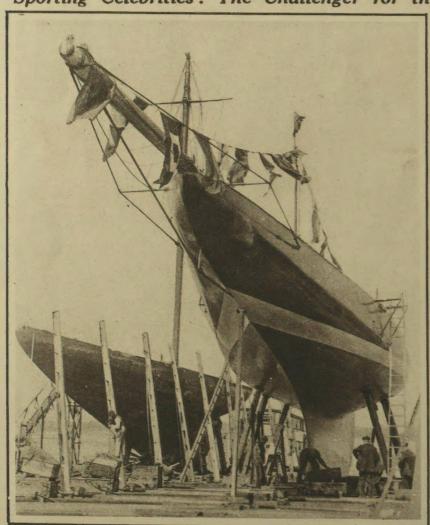
PRESENTER OF A MOUNTED POLICE CHALLENGE CUP :
THE KING INSPECTING A NON-SKID SHOE.

The Richmond Horse Show was held, on a much larger scale than usual, on June 10, 11 and 12, in the Old Deer Park. On the opening day there were present Queen Amélie of Portugal; King Manoel and Queen Augusta Victoria; Princess Alice Countess of Athlone; and the Earl of Athlone. Captain Bertram Mills, who organised the Paradé of Old Carriages (illustrated elsewhere in this number) at the International Horse Show at

Olympia, took a first prize at Richmond for Novice Harness Horses with his Edgware Marvel. On the third day the King and Queen visited the Richmond Show, and were received by the Marquess of Cambridge, President of the Show, Lord Lonsdale, Mr. Romer Williams, and other judges. The challenge cup for the Mounted Police Competition presented by the King was won by P.-C. Branigan, who received it from his Majesty.

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Sporting Celebrities: The Challenger for the America Cup; and a Lady Golf Champion.



MUCH ALTERED SINCE SHE ARRIVED IN AMERICA IN 1914: SIR THOMAS LIPTON'S CHALLENGER FOR THE AMERICA CUP, "SHAMROCK IV."—THE BOW.

Sir Thomas Lipton's yacht, "Shamrock IV.," the Challenger for the America Cup, was sent across the Atlantic in 1914, and has remained in America since. She has been considerably altered in appearance while there. Among other things, her bow has been changed from a scow to the lines of an extreme racing cutter. The photograph shows



THE ENGLISH LADIES' GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP: (L. TO R.) MISS CECIL LEITCH (THE RUNNER-UP) AND MISS J. WETHERED (THE CHAMPION).

her at City Island before her mast was stepped. She was recently launched and went on trial trips in Long Island Sound.—The Final of the English Ladies' Golf Championship took place at Sheringham on June 11. Miss J. Wethered, of Worplesdon, beat Miss Cecil Leitch by 2 and 1 in a round of 36 holes. It was a match full of exciting moments.

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THE GREAT GOLF BATTLE OF MUIRFIELD: A BRITISH AMATEUR CHAMPION.

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THE DEFEATER OF THE AMERICAN RUNNER-UP: MR. CYRIL TOLLEY, THE NEW AMATEUR GOLF CHAMPION, WITH THE CUP.



"PHYSICAL POWER AND A PERFECT SWING": MR. TOLLEY DRIVING FROM THE EIGHTH TEE.



WATCHING MR. GARDNER PUTTING ON THE HOME GREEN: THE CROWD THAT FOLLOWED THE MATCH.



THE END OF "A GREAT AND FRIENDLY MATCH": MR. TOLLEY SHOULDERED, AS WAS HIS DEFEATED AMERICAN OPPONENT.



"A MIRACULOUS SHOT": MR. TOLLEY GETTING OUT OF A BUNKER AT THE THIRTEENTH IN THE LAST ROUND OF THE MATCH.



A HIGHLY POPULAR "INVADER" WHO STARTED FAVOURITE IN THE FINAL: MR. ROBERT GARDNER (OF CHICAGO) DRIVING.

Seldom, if ever, has there been a more thrilling i.nal for the Amateur Golf Championship than the match at Muirfield on June 11, when Mr. Cyril Tolley, by doing a wonderful two at the thirty-seventh hole, bent Mr. Robert Gardner, of Chicago. It was a ding-dong game all through, and at one tim¹ it looked as if Mr. Gardner must win; but Mr. Tolley made a magnificent recovery. The new Amateur Champion is secretary of the Oxford team, and came into the front rank by his play for the University last year. He is only twenty-two, and has had but a short experience of big matches. Mr. Robert

Gardner, of Chicago, was generally expected to carry off the Championship. He is very popular over here, and no one would have grudged him the victory if he had won. The fine spirit of sportsmanship in which the match was played was shown by the fact that he, as well as Mr. Tolley, was carried shoulder-high by enthusiastic spectators after the finish. While golf and other sports are played in that spirit, they assume a higher importance than that of a mere pastime by becoming a very powerful means of promoting international goodwill.

THE "COMMODORE" OF PICKWICKIAN FAME, AND OTHER VEHICLES: THE PARADE OF OLD CARRIAGES AT OLYMPIA.





In connection with the International Horse Show at Olympia, the first held since the war, the organisers have arranged a novel attraction. Every day that the Show is open (June 16 to 26) there is being presented a parasit of old validies, illustrating modes of travel and methods of carriage-ballding before the days of trains and motor-cars. Some 26 different types are represented, from the light and dashine gig to the ponderous mail coach which placed between London and York. Those used in the parasets are not modern replicas, but actual websides of the limit, some of them historic. In the foreground of our drawing, from left to right round the curves, are seen, a Vid-A-Via coach (preceding the tandem) ball for the 150s. Mrs. Electhers Norton about 1842; a Tandem Cart, of sporting 'type, built about 1830, the actual vehicle from which C. B. Newhouse painted his famous picture, "Going to the Moors"; a Gig equipped as

INCLUDING THE ORIGINAL TANDEM CART IN "GOING TO THE MOORS" AND A REPRODUCTION OF "SOMETHING SLAP": HISTORIC VEHICLES AT THE 1ST AFTER-WAR INTERNATIONAL HORSE SHOW.

a faithful reproduction of the well-known picture, "Something Slap," by H. Alken, believed to represent a Mr. Barclay, who kept a relay of smart, oddly coloured gig-horses, and used to leave Likhbut representation of the west-known picture, "Sometiming Jusp. of H. Allich, Delivered to represent a min. Barkery," who kept a feasy of similar, county countering pictures, and used to leave London just faster the coach for York and always arrived there first; a George IV. Lady's Diving Phaeton (Whip, Phaeton (Whip, Phaeton (Whip, Lady)s Diving Phaeton (Whip, Phaeton (Whip, Lady)s Diving Phaeton (Whip, Phaeton (Whip, Lady)s Diving Phaeton (Whip, Phaeton (Whip,

THE DEADWOOD COACH AND OTHERS: OLD VEHICLES AT OLYMPIA.

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OF THE TYPE USED FOR GRETNA GREEN RUNAWAY MARRIAGES:
A POSTING CHARIOT BUILT ABOUT 1820.



BUILT ABOUT 1840 FOR THE LATE DUKE OF SUTHERLAND: A "DRESS CHARIOT," WITH PERCH AND SALISBURY BOOT.



EQUIPPED IN THE IMPERIAL STYLE: A RUSSIAN TROIKA OF THE "CALESH" (VICTORIA) TYPE



FITTED WITH PILLOWS AND LEG-RESTS FOR NIGHT TRAVELLING AND BUILT ABOUT 1820: A "DORMEUSE" CHARIOT.



ONCE THE PROPERTY OF NAPOLEON III. AND NOW OF MME. TUSSAUD'S EXHIBITION: A COACH BUILT IN 1869.



BROUGHT TO ENGLAND BY BUFFALO BILL AND RECENTLY FOUND IN AN 'OLD IRON' DEALER'S YARD: THE DEADWOOD STAGE COACH.

We illustrate here some more of the historic vehicles in the Parade of Old Carriages at the Horse Show at Olympia, in addition to those seen in our double-page drawing. The Posting Chariot was built about 1820 for Major-General Sir Edward Kerrison, Bt. In the Dormeuse the seventh Duke of Beaufort (grandfather of the present Duke) travelled to Vienna for the coronation of the Emperor of Austria. The Russian troika (three-horse team) is built in several types. In the above case, the centre horse with the douga (arch

over the head) is a trotter of record speed. The two side horses (prestashniki) gallop with heads down; these have both been through the war. The costumes are of the Imperial Russian period, and the occupant of the carriage is from the Russian Ballet. The Deadwood Stage Coach, built in the 'sixties, originally ran from Deadwood, South Dacota, to Spearfish, S.D., and was often attacked by outlaws and Indians, as bullet-marks bear witness. Buffalo Bill (Colonel Cody) brought it to England about 1885 with his "Wild West Show."

GAMES NEMAUSUS NEVER KNEW: AN AIRMAN'S VIEW OF A BULL-FIGHT.

PHOTOGRAPH TAKEN FROM AN AEROPLANE BY THE COMPAGNIE AERIENNE FRANÇAISE.



Spain is not the only country of the bull-ring. At the old French city of Nîmes—called in Roman days Nemausus, and famous for its remains of Roman architecture—the ancient amphitheatre is occasionally used for bull-fights. This remarkable photograph, taken from an aeroplane, shows a corrida in progress there on May 23. The dark spot near the centre of the arena is the bull. Close to the animal, but scarcely distinguishable from it in the photograph, is a matador. Slightly higher up to the left is a picador

mounted or a white horse, and other picadors are seen round the edge of the circus. In the passage-way that runs round behind the barrier, near the gate at the back through which the animal has entered, is a group of attendants ready to rush forward and drag out the bull's body when the matador has killed it. Sometimes, as in the recent case of Joselito's death at Talavera, the bull kills the matador. Nimes is the capital of the Department of Gard. The amphitheatre dates from about the second century A.D.



WHERE THE "FIKEE" COMPETES WITH THE MODERN SCHOOLMASTER: PUPILS LEARNING THE KORAN IN A CAIRO MOSQUE

BOOKS OF THE DAY

By E. B. OSBORN.

T is hard, in these days of azure and gold and youngling green, to read the books of bookish men. So I shall reserve such book-worm's joys as "Frederick Locker-Lampson: A

Character Sketch" (Constable; 25s. net), composed and edited by his son-in-law, the Rt. Hon. Augustine Birrell, for the coming spell of wet weather, when it is impossible to go and sit in the sun at Lord's or the Oval. "CRICKET" (Longmans, Green and Co.; 15s. net), a new edition of the famous volume in the Badminton Library, is much more appropriate to my present mood, and the weather's. It is edited and partly written by Mr. P. F. Warner, the much-beloved "Plum," who is batting so well this season, in spite of a burden of forty-seven years; and he has enlisted Messrs. G. L. Jessop, D. J. Knight, and E. R. Wilson, all of the latter-day vintage of cricketers, as contributors to his charming book. The reproductions of about fifty of Mr. G. W. Beldam's famous action photographs are delightful, for they enable you to sec "W. G." ready to play the ball, Tom Richardson going full-speed ahead, Victor Trumper at the followthrough of a drive, Gregor MacGregor whipping off the bails, and many another fine sight which will never again be seen in earthly playing-fields. You can take the book to Lord's and enjoy it (as I have done) without worrying your eyes at all to read it. The reading-matter, of course, is altogether admirable; especially Mr. Rockway Wilson's dissertation on bowling, ancient and modern, Mr. P. F. Warner's on captaincy, and Mr. G. L. Jessop's on fielding. But heaven knows what some of the orthodox stylists, such as R. A. H. Mitchell, would have thought of Mr. D. J. Knight's chapter on the art of batting! Could they see Mr. Knight and Hobbs making a firstwicket stand for Surrey, they would surely think their game had been Bolshevised.

What a pity some of our hefty young poets, among whom there are several decent cricketers, do not celebrate our *Ludi Humaniores* in noble numbers! Henley once advised me to write verse about cricket and football and boxing, using the ancient French verse-forms—the ballade especially—which are so admirably adapted for describing the ever-recurring



PROBABLY A STUDY FOR THE WELL-KNOWN MEZZO TINT: A DRAWING, BY SIR PETER LELY, OF THE DUCHESS OF PORTSMOUTH, MISTRESS OF CHARLES II. This drawing, in pencil and wash, is one of the lots to be sold at Sotheby's on June 30, the third day of the sale of Mr. Francis Wellesley's collection. (See "Art in the Sale Rooms" page.)

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burden of attack and defence which makes the patterned ecstasy of all such mimic warfare. All that came of this advice was a ballade of the old-fashioned umpires who wore cabbage-roses in their white robes of office (I have seen a century-old smock-frock used or that high purpose!) and dismissed batsmen by

lifting their right hands heavenward, as though appealing to the divine justice to ratify a decision. The ballade ended as follows—

Death at the wicket stands watching Life's play; In his white smock-frock he has pinned the rose Of Love sweetly fading. Though eager to stay, When he lifts his arm, the best of us goes.

Any young Georgian, supposing he is not caught in the *vers-libre* movement, could improve on that poor, pathetic trifle.

There are, of course, a few poet-cricketers. For example, Mr. Norman Gale, whose lyrics in honour



THE EARLIEST-KNOWN PORTRAIT OF J. M. W. TURNER:
A PENCIL AND WATER-COLOUR DRAWING BY GEORGE
DANCE, R.A., DATED AUGUST 9, 1792.

This portrait is included in the five-day sale of the Wellesley collection of drawings and miniatures, to begin on June 28, at Sotheby's It is among the lots to be sold on the second day (June 29).

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of a game he himself played with some distinction are inspired with a roseate enthusiasm almost too deep for rhythm and rhyme. He is one of the writers whom I shall choose to help me make a practice pitch in the asphodel-meadows when Charon has pouched my penny—probably the fare has gone up to twopence, like the letter rate. The anonymous author of the Harrow cricket-song, which in my time I have taught to more than one rustic eleven, to sing on the way home after a well-carned victory—

Willow the King is a monarch grand; Three in a row his courtiers stand. Every day when the sun shines bright, The doors of his palace are painted white, And all the company bow their backs To the King with his collar of cobbler's wax—

the author of this quaint lyric, which is set to one of the liveliest of Henry Farmer's tunes, ought to give us more of this staunch, home-brewed stuff, if, as I devoutly hope, he is still among the living. Andrew Lang, again, left one or two stirring cricketpoems. Then there was A. H. J. Cochrane, who got into the Oxford XI. for his bowling, and his shrewd verse is very much indeed to my liking—

Sirs, I was taken off; expletives fail. He did not use the weapon's edge at all. They bowled him with an under like a snail. This is the man that snicketh the length ball.

And I confess to having found great pleasure in the "Few Overs" of that fine cricketer and staunch captain, Mr. D. L. A. Jephson, who once took six wickets for twenty-one runs in Gentlemen v. Players at Lord's with his wily, varied underhand bowling. Here is the last over of "Keep Your Eye on the Clock," without which no anthology of cricket verse could be regarded as complete—

The first he played, and on the next he pushed
The third one he let go by;
The fourth ball turned, but his foot was there,
And I caught the glint in his eye.
The fifth one hung like a full-ripe peach,
The skipper stood firm as a rock,
Then lifted his bat—and away she went
And shivered the face of the clock!

Will none of our young Georgians, remembering what the late Rupert Brooke thought of cricket (he was in the Rugby XI. . . . in his schooldays he always had a book

in one pocket and a cricket-ball in the other), take an innings at glorifying our glorious old game?

The glow-worm is one of the romantic insects (as the "Praying Mantis" was until he, or rather she, was found out!) and a heaven-sent boon to any poet writing a night piece, after the fashion of Herrick's invitation to the silvery feet of Sylvia. Who has not seen it glimmering in the green glooms of a deep meadow like a spark fallen from the gleaming moon? But many have failed to find it, for two very good reasons-firstly, because they look for a worm or grub instead of a brisk little trot-about of a beetle with six stump legs; and secondly, because the insect can switch off its light when disturbed. These and many other strange facts in the life-history of Lampyris noctiluca are set forth in "THE GLOW-WORM AND OTHER BEETLES" (Hodder and Stoughton; 8s. 6d. net), written by J. Henri Fabre, and translated by Alexander Teixeira de Mattos, F.Z.S. When the famous French naturalist brings his lamp more minutely to bear on the little beetle, a dreadful process of disillusionment begins. First of all, the old savant applies the famous adage of Brillat-Saverin: "Show me what you eat, and I will tell you what you are." Whereupon he proves that the so-called glow-worm preys on small snails, tweaking at the exposed edge of their mantles and thereby chloroforming them, as it were, until they become so much living food without the slightest power of motion. It then somehow transforms its wretched victims into a thin gruel and literally drinks them out of their shells. It is a horrid, stealthy, scientific form of murder which is far too common in the insect world, by far the most gruesome quarter of animal creation. One problem of the glowbeetle's life remains unsolved. "From start to finish," M. Fabre concludes, "the glow-worm's life is one great orgy of light. The eggs are luminous; the grubs likewise. The full-grown females are magnificent lighthouses; the adult males retain the glimmer which the grubs already possessed. We can understand the use of the feminine beacon; but of what use is all the



AN IMPORTANT PORTRAIT OF SIR WALTER SCOTT:
A DRAWING IN COLOURED CHALKS BY SIR DAVID
WILKIE, R.A.

This interesting and unfamiliar portrait of Scott will be offered for sale at Sotheby's, among other lots, on the last day of the Wellesley sale—July 2. (See "Art in the Sale Rooms" page.)

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rest of the pyrotechnic display? To my regret I cannot tell." Myriads of such puzzles are left for M. Fabre's disciples. Many other weird facts about beetles of various kinds are disclosed from long and patient observation, and Chapter XLV. discusses the queer business of shamming death that is so very common among insects.

"DUCK HIM AND SPLASH HIM": THE PRINCE CROSSES THE LINE.

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FATHER NEPTUNE BOARDS THE "RENOWN": THE "OLD ONE," ATTENDED BY TWO GUARDS AND TWO BEARS.



WITH INITIATES BEING SHAVED AND PITCHED BACKWARD INTO THE BATH: "CEREMONIES" WHICH THE PRINCE WAS FIRST TO UNDERGO.



RECEIVING THE "ORDER OF THE OLD SEA DOG": ADMIRAL SIR LIONEL HALSEY BEING INVESTED BY FATHER NEPTUNE ABOARD THE "RENOWN."



WEARING HIS "ORDER OF THE AGED COD": CAPTAIN DUDLEY NORTH, WHO WAS CHIEF BEAR AT THE PRINCE'S DUCKING.



"SHAVE HIM AND BASH HIM": THE PRINCE BEING LATHERED PINK, WHITE AND BLACK BEFORE BEING TIPPED INTO THE WATER.

The Prince of Wales underwent the time-honoured initiation ceremonies on April 17, when the "Renown" crossed the Line. Father Neptune came aboard on the previous night, attended by two guards, two bears, and a secretary. The next morning he held a full court and an Investiture. He bestowed on the Prince the Order of the Equatorial Bath, while Admiral Halsey got the Order of the Old Sea Dog, and Captain Dudley North became a Knight of the Aged Cod. The proceedings, which were on an unwonted scale,

were in rhyme, and the Prince recited a verse of his own composition. He was the first to submit to the processes thus described by the Bears: "Shave him and bash him; Duck him and splash him; Torture and smash him; And don't let him go." He was given a nasty pill, lathered pink, white and black, shaved, and then tipped backwards into the bath, to be ducked three times three. A number of other novices followed and received similar attentions. The book of words used on the occasion is to be published!

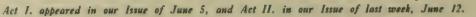


GRAIN OF MUSTARD SEE

A Play in Three Acts. By H. M. Harwood.

ACT III.

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The garden at Warren Court. Steps on right, leading through verandah to the house. At the back a boxhedge with opening. It is about 9 o'clock, and still light enough to see the view over the top of the hedge, but the garden is lighted by a few scattered electric lamps hanging partly concealed in the trees and in EMILY CORBETT and Mrs. STROOD are sitting drinking coffee.

MRS. STROOD. Where is Marjorie, Emily? EMILY. I don't know. I think she was dining with

MRS. STROOD. I should have thought she would

have been at Bexton for the poll. EMILY. She was there all day. She came back about six to dress.

MRS. STROOD. I'm unhappy about Marjorie. What is she going to do?

EMILY. I'm sure I don't know. I wish I did. Naturally we assumed, when he became so impossible, that she would break it off. George feels it very much. He thinks she ought to have used her influence.

MRS. STROOD. And she wouldn't.

EMILY. She thinks he has been badly treated by George. I never heard such nonsense.

MRS. STROOD. Then she means to marry him?

EMILY. I don't know. She thinks he has been let down in some way, and that it's up to her to make it up to him. Ridiculous! It's he that's let us down. I could never have believed that the man could have behaved like this. It's not like Marjorie to be Quixotic.

MRS. STROOD. You think she means to go on with it?

EMILY. Unless he offers to release her, she may. If he had any sense of decency, he would.

Mrs. Stroop. You know she is in love with Eric.

EMILY. Oh; in love? What does it mean, being in love? You don't want her to marry Eric, surely?

MRS. STROOD. I want her to be happy. We've not been very happy people, you and I, Emily. I'd like to think it was going to be different with her.

EMILY. Whatever she does, she will do of her own accord. You can't arrange things for Marjorie.

[MARKHAM and CORBETT come out from the house, talking.]

GEORGE. I wish we knew. MARKHAM. [Calmly.] Why?

GEORGE. Well!

MARKHAM. The malady of the century, George.

GEORGE. What 's that?

MARKHAM. Wanting to know everything before it happens.

EMILY. Yes; someone was saying that there are more fortune-tellers in London than ever before.

MARKHAM. And more newspapers. GEORGE. [Reading the evening paper.] I can't make these people out; they've been dead against him all through, now they 're hedging. It's not possible for him to get in.

MARKHAM. Anything is possible,

GEORGE. Devilish awkward if he does.

MRS. STROOD. Why you couldn't say frankly that you were opposed to the whole thing, I don't know, MARKHAM. We were not opposed to it. If it's wanted we will accept it.

GEORGE. Not on Weston's lines? MARKHAM. Yes; if it's really wanted

MARKHAM. You think that a terrible confession? Why? Why should you expect me to oppose public opinion? Do I ever stand in the way of the rising tide ?

MRS. STROOD. Yes; often.

s. Strood, Harry

MARKHAM. [Smiling.] Only when I know it isn't rising any higher. What a reputation Canute would have made if he had only waited till high tide!

MRS. STROOD. Why do you try to make yourself out a time-server?

MARKHAM. I suppose because I am one. One may serve worse masters than Time. Time is the great dividing line between politicians. Those who choose their time well are called Statesmen; those who choose it badly are called traitors. If Jack Cade were alive now, what a patriot he would be ! Where 's Marjorie, Emily?

EMILY. She's dining in town with Eric.

MARKHAM. Not at Bexton? I'm afraid we're not popular with Marjorie. [Sighs.]

EMILY. I'm so sorry, Harry; but you know what

MARKHAM. But why? She's quite right, she must back him up, of course she must. And the gospel of universal frankness is always attractive to the young.

GEORGE. [Grumbling.] Universal tomfoolery! MARKHAM. Oh, don't be too despondent, George;

even the truth can be made convincing. [MARJORIE comes out from house - evening dress and cloak. She carries some letters.] EMILY. Back? You didn't go to the theatre,

MARJORIE. No; is there any telephone message? EMILY. About the poll? No, it's too early. Where did you dine, dear?

MARJORIE. [Reading letters.] The Carlton.

EMILY. Anyone there?

then ?

MARJORIE. No. Oh, yes-one or two people. I

EMILY. Did Eric drive you back? MARJORIE. [Shortly.] No.

[EMILY raises her brows at Mrs. Stroop, and gathering herself together, goes into the house.



MRS. STROOD: My dear, I once married someone because it was the easiest thing to do. Don't you do that.

Miss Mabel Terry-Lewis and Miss Cathleen Nesbitt.

MARJORIE goes on reading letters; Mrs. STROOD looks at her impatiently. MARKHAM rises, and, passing behind MARJORIE, just touches her shoulder.]

MARKHAM. Not forgiven us, Marjorie? [She does not reply.]

GEORGE. [Looking at her irritably.] It's Weston's fault. If he'd been reasonable-

MARJORIE. Reasonable! [Laughs.] Don't let's talk about it.

GEORGE. There's no justification for your taking up this attitude. We have to do our best for the Government; we have other people to consider; we can't go about like a bull in a china shop. We're not opposing Weston. We're simply letting him fight the thing on his own lines. He wants to rush us; some people have no idea of compromise. [She does not answer, and laster looking at her discontentedly, he goes out.]

MARKHAM. You think us a poor lot, eh?

MARJORIE. Oh, I suppose you can't help it; but I wonder you're not afraid sometimes.

MARKHAM. Afraid?

MARJORIE. It must be terrible to have powerwithout courage. To think the world is in the power of men like you; that's what frightens me.

[MRS. STROOD is about to interrupt, but MARKHAM stops her.]

MARKHAM. You think we have so much power?

MARJORIE. Haven't you?

MARKHAM. The world is greater than that, my dear. I used to think that. I once believed that the affairs of the world were all settled by a few men sitting round a table, talking. Now I know better. Modern history isn't made by Ministers; it's made by mechanics, or chemists, or inventors. All we do is to register what they have made inevitable. When I was a boy the London 'bus-driver seemed to me'the embodiment of power—the god in the car, incarnate. My ambition was to become a 'bus-driver. I pictured myself driving in all the glory of green and gold about the streets of London, picking up and setting down where I liked, stopping when I liked, going my own route at my own pace. And then I learnt the terrible truth, that this idol-this omnipotent god-was only a servant, that his goings and comings were ordered, his destination fixed, his very stopping places settled for him by a higher power; that, in short, he had less control over his movements than his own passengers, that his sole duty consisted in finding his way through the traffic safely. That's all we have to do, my dear-find our way through

the traffic and avoid accidents; and the best of us is the one who has fewest accidents. [He pats her on the head and makes his way into the

MRS. STROOD. Marjorie. [MARJORIE looks up.] You're going to think me a meddling old woman. Yes, you But I can't help it. I want to say something to you. [Pause.] Marjorie, are you happy?

MARJORIE. Not particularly --why?

MRS. STROOD. I'm so afraid you're going to make a mistake, and I don't want you to do that. I made a mistake myself once, and I couldn't bear to think you were going to make the same one. You're all I've got now, and I'm very fond of you.

MARJORIE. I know, Janie, dear. You're an old darling.

MRS. STROOD. Let me help you. MARJORIE. You can't. Nobody

Mrs. Strood. Why not? My dear, I once married someone because it was the easiest thing to do. Don't you do that. Tell him before it's too late. It's for his happiness as well as yours. I know you think he has been badly treated by your father and the rest of them, and it's like you to want to stick by him. But it's wrong. He wouldn't wish it if he knew.

MARJORIE. Knew? What?

MRS. STROOD. That there was someone else.

"MARJORIE. [Quietly.] You mean-Eric?

MRS. STROOD. Yes.

MARJORIE. Eric is going abroad on Monday. He's taken that post. I 've just said good-bye to him.

Mrs. Strood. Oh, Marjorie, my dear! I'm sorry.

MARJORIE. Why? You never liked Eric.

Mrs. Strood. I didn't think him very desirable; but perhaps I misjudged him. If you want him, Marjorie, I'm sure something could be arranged.

MARJORIE. Janie, darling, you don't understand. It isn't what you think. It 's sweet of you to bother, all the same. [Gets up.] I think I'll ring up the Club—they may have got it through.

Mrs. Strood. Then you won't break it off?

MARJORIE. My engagement? [Beneath her breath.] No-I can't. I can't.

Mrs. Strood. Suppose he offered to release MARJORIE. [Quickly.] Why should he?

MRS. STROOD. Well; circumstances have changed

MARJORIE. [Relieved.] Oh-that!

MRS. STROOD. What would you say?

MARJORIE. Well; naturally I shouldn't try to keep him if he didn't want me. [Comes across to Mrs. Strood.] Don't think me a beast, Janie. I'm not ungrateful—really.

Kisses her and goes into house. After a pause WESTON cornes in through garden.]

WESTON. Good evening! MRS. STROOD. Oh, you! Is the result out?

WESTON. No. I didn't wait. They 'll telephone. Is Marjorie here?

MRS. STROOD. Yes; she's just gone in.

WESTON. Thanks [Going].

MRS. STROOD. [Stopping him.] Mr. Weston! WESTON. Yes?

MRS. STROOD. Are you in a great hurry? WESTON. No—o. Why?

Mrs. Strood, I want to ask you something. WESTON. Yes? MRS. STROOD. You think we're all against you

here, that we dislike you?

WESTON. [Grimly.] Well-

Mrs. Strood. I don't dislike you. I dislike your politics, but I think you are an honest man and a

WESTON. [More grimly.] I'm not as easy as I was, Mrs. Strood. What is it you want?

MRS. STROOD. I want you to give up Marjorie. WESTON. [Amazed.] What? Has she asked you to ask me that?

MRS. STROOD. No.

WESTON, Then-look here, Mrs. Strood. When this misunderstanding arose, I thought of this. It was the first thing I did think of. I didn't expect her to stick to me. After all, one's people are one's people. If she had liked to say it was "off," I couldn't have blamed her. But she didn't-she backed me up. She came down every day; she worked for me. She came to my meetings, the only one of the whole lot

that did. They've all been jumping off like rats; my own agent turned it up three days before the poll. They 've been working against me-not openly, but behind my back. I know all about it. I wouldn't have believed it possible before. The one thing that has saved me has been Marjorie; she stuck to me, bless her! When I asked her to marry me, I loved her, in a way-but now-! I didn't think she had it in her. And now, after we've been through this together, you ask me to give her up. Why? In Heaven's name,

Mrs. Strood. But surely you understand why she has done all this. It doesn't mean that she loves you.

WESTON. You seem very sure that she doesn't love me.

MRS. STROOD. I am.

Weston, Why?
Mrs. Strood. Because—I know. Mr. Weston, Marjorie isn't a child. How old do you think she is?

WESTON. I don't know; I never thought about it.

MRS STROOD. She's been aboutin London - among people you know nothing of, for five or six years. Do you think she's gone through all that time—untouched?

WESTON. No; I don't suppose she has. Why should I? I daresay she's had her romances, like everyone else. haven't asked her. I wouldn't. What does it matter? It's all over now.

MRS. STROOD. But if it wasn't "all over "?

WESTON, Go on.

MRS. STROOD. Suppose that she is still in love-with someone else?

WESTON. That's not true. MRS. STROOD. It is.

WESTON. [After walking up and down.] Well; who is it? I've never heard of anyone. Why, she sees no one, except

young Thorburn. MRS. STROOD. [Looking at him.] Well?

WESTON. What? Thorburn? [Then suddenly laughing.] Well; now let me tell you something. Thorburn's off to South America; and it was Marjorie persuaded him to go.

MRS. STROOP. I know. And she's breaking her

heart about it. WESTON. It's a lie. I beg your pardon. But why should I believe you?

Mrs. Strood. I don't ask you to. Ask her

[MARJORIE comes out through the house and calls to WESTON. MRS. STROOD moves off into the house.]

MARJORIE. Jerry! Is it out?

WESTON. No; I didn't wait.

MARJORIE. But-why?

WESTON. I wanted to see you.

MARJORIE. Stupid! Never mind, it'll be nicer to hear it together.

WESTON. Whatever it is?

MARJORIE. Of course! I do hate this waiting.

WESTON. Are you very anxious?

MARJORIE. Of course I am. So are you. Don't try and be superior and phlegmatic; you can't deceive

WESTON. I don't want to. You're very smart to-night. Where have you been?

MARJORIE. Dining in town-with Eric. He's sailing on Monday.

WESTON. Monday. [Pause.] Marjorie, you 're sure you want him to go?

MARJORIE. Of course! It'll be a splendid thing for him.

WESTON. But you'll miss him?

MARJORIE. Oh, yes; I suppose so—a little.

WESTON. Only a little? He needn't go, you know. We could find him something here-if you'd

MARJORIE. No, no. I think it's far better for him to go . [Looking at him curiously.] Jerry, has someone been saying something about me? [He looks a futite denial.] Yes, they have. What was it? About me and Eric? [He nods.] Well; did you believe it?

WESTON. No, no! I don't believe it-I can'tbut

MARJORIE. But-you want me to deny it?

WESTON. Oh, my dear, forgive me. A few weeks ago it wouldn't have touched me-wouldn't have touched my belief; but I've lost confidence—in people—in myself. Things have been done to me these two weeks that I wouldn't have believed possible; done by men I trusted. If it hadn't been for you I should have lost my faith in human nature. It was you that saved me, and now they 're trying to poison my happiness in you. Tell me they're wrong. I know you won't lie to me. And if it 's true, I shall understand. I know I'm not of your world, I don't know your life. I'm an outsider, and I'm getting



WESTON: I don't want to stand in your way. I want you to have everything you want-everything you want, you understand?

Mr. Norman McKinnel and Miss Cathleen Nesbitt.

old. If you did care for someone younger, someone in your own set, I couldn't wonder. I shouldn't blame you. Only I must know. I don't want to stand in your way. I want you to have everything you want-everything you want, you understand?

MARJORIE. [Looking at him.] Everything I want! WESTON. Everything!

MARJORIE. And what is it you want me to say? WESTON, I want to know if it's true that you love this boy—that if it were not for me you'd marry

MARJORIE. No; it 's not true.

WESTON. [With a burst of relief.] You don't love

MARJORIE. No. [After a pause.]

WESTON. [Catching her hand.] My dear, forgive me. MARJORIE. Wait.

WESTON. Why? That's all I want to know. MARJORIE. It isn't all I 've got to tell you. I meant to, anyway. What they told you isn't true

now, but it was. WESTON. You mean you were fond of each other? MARJORIE. [Quietly.] We were lovers. Eric has

been my lover for two years. WESTON. Lover? You mean you were engaged?

MARJORIE. No, I don't. I mean what I say. WESTON. You don't know what you 're saying.

MARJORIE. Oh, yes, I do. If you like—I was his mistress. That sounds crude-horrible-said like that, but it didn't seem so. We really didn't think so very much about it. We'd always been friends, and when he came back on leave the first time we found we

liked each other, and I didn't know if I should ever see him again -you know how things were: it just happened.

WESTON. [Stunned.] You-you! [Suddenly.] Then how did it end? [No reply.] When you accepted me-was this going on then?

MARJORIE. Yes. WESTON. Then why—why did you say "yes"? What possible reason- [She sits with her head on her hand, silent.] I see, you were going to marry me for my money. [A pause; then he laughs; suddenly turns on her.] Well; why did you tell me this—why tell me now? I'm still rich. Ah; I see. You think I'm beaten. You think I'm going to be a failure?

MARJORIE. No-no!

WESTON. Then why? Why didn't you go on with it? I should never have known. I believed in you absolutely, blindly. I should have gone on believing.

MARJORIE. That's why I had to tell you. I didn't care for you when I accepted you. I was going to marry you for your money, and I didn't mean to tell you anything. I didn't even mean to stop seeing Eric. I meant to go on lying to you. And then, I couldn't. You're the only person who has ever believed in me, who hasn't expected me to behave rottenly. We're all rotten. No one's ever expected me to be anything else-and I've been what I was expected to be. I never thought anything about it

before; but I couldn't let you go on-

not knowing.

WESTON. [After a pause.] Well; we must find something for him hereenough to marry on, at any rate.

MARJORIE. What do you mean-Eric? I wouldn't marry Eric for the world. I told you-it's over.

WESTON. It can't be over. You 're angry with him-disappointed, I dare say. He's behaved badly-still-

MARJORIE. Why should I be angry with him? He hasn't behaved any worse than I have. I did what I did because I wanted to. I'm still fond of him. I hope he'll have joily good luck-but the rest's all over, for both

WESTON. A woman doesn't do that unless she loves a man.

MARJORIE, Oh-love! How does anyone know?

WESTON. [Gravely.] I knew. MARJORIE. Yes; I know-now. [George Corbett's voice is

heard as he comes out quickly from the house.]

GEORGE. Weston! Weston! Where are you? Great Scott! Didn't you hear the telephone?

WESTON. Telephone?

GEORGE. You're a nice, eager candidate!

MARJORIE. Is it out? [Snatching at paper in Corbett's hand.] Father! GEORGE. [Holding it up.] 'Easy,

MARJORIE. Please, father. [She gets the paper and reads it eagerly. WESTON looks at her unmoved.] Four thousandin by four thousand! Why, that's double the last time?

GEORGE. More than double. Here. [Hands paper to WESTON.]

WESTON. [After reading.] You take this well, Corbett. You seem almost as pleased as if I'd been beaten.

GEORGE, Oh, come! Don't rub it in. We were wrong, I admit. You gave us a bit of a shock, but we didn't want you to be beaten. We knew you wouldn't be. That 's why we could afford to keep in the background.

WESTON. You mean you're going to accept this verdict?

GEORGE. Accept it? I should say so. [Mrs. STROOD comes out.] I've just been through to Lord Henry; he's delighted. "Corban," my boy. Which, being translated, means, "It's a gift."

WESTON. And Garforth?

George. Garforth'll have to lump it. Don't bother about him. [He crosses to Mrs. Stroop.]

MARJORIE. [Coming to WESTON.] I'm glad-I'm glad you 've won.

WESTON. [Dully.] Yes; you always believed I was

MARJORIE. Right! I don't know whether you are right or not-and I don't care. I'm not glad because you're right. I'm glad because it's you. [She goes swiftly into the house. WESTON remains looking after

MRS. STROOD. What does this mean, George? GEORGE. Mean? It means that we shall win the next election, my dear.

Mrs. Strood. And after that?

GEORGE. [Slightly puzzled.] After that? Dear old Janie, what do you mean? [They pass into the house, leaving WESTON alone.]

CURTAIN.

ART IN THE SALE ROOMS ()I.I) Masters are again competing with modern art in the sale-rooms. The great army of the dead press forward as a mighty phalanx

hall-marked with reputations centuries old, and sturdily maintain their supremacy over many a modern canvas The test of the auction-room is the test of posterity Perhaps it is another phase of the dictum that no man is a prophet in his own country-certainly not in his

The Old Masters of the Duke of Leeds, the late Mr. Holbrook Gaskell, and other properties came up

at Christie's on June 11 Such a heterogeneous collection in duced forethought as to post war prices

own generation in art

Canaletto troubles the tyro There are two Canalettos -one, Antonio Canal, who visited London in 1740, and whose canal scenes of Venice, his native city, are hung on the walls of celebrated collections. from the Uthzi at Florence to the Hermitage at Petrograd (are they there now?), from the Pinakothek at Dresden to the Louvre at Paris. There are nine in the National Gallery (London) At Windsor, at Hampton Court, at the Soane Museum, at Dudley House, and at Devonshire House there are Canalettos. Here from the Duke of Leeds' collection are six pairs more. One pair sold for 3700 gns. Then there is the other Canaletto --- Bernardo Bellotto, the nephew of the former, whose name he adopted He wandered over Europe, and died in Warsaw in 1780. His views of Venice are based on the technique of his uncle. He, too, is found in the National Gallery, London, and in the galleries at Dresden, Munich, and Berlin

Canaletto (uncle and nephew) brought Venice into the limelight in England. Superbly topographical with fine atmosphere, they depicted the Venice of realistic contour -- Venice without its poetry. It was left to Turner to come as a poet to transmute Venice into amber and gold and crimson and green. We see the Adriatic lagoons steeped in languor, and the palaces of the Doges engirt with mystery. His was the modern idealistic touch of imaginative genius. Had Turner crystallised into a dullard in his youthful, topographical days, he would have been a Canaletto.

From the Gaskell Collection there is the drawing of Pembroke Castle," which brought 1450 gns.; and the paintings in oil, "Loch Fyne" (1100 gns.) and "Old Margate Pier" of Turner (2000 gns.) -all with a long ancestry of collections. There is Bonington, with his "Grand Canal, Venice" (which sold for 1200 gns.) and a David Cox, "Caer Cennen Castle" (1800 gns.). Pettie's " Eugene Aram and the Scholar" is false art. although good painting, because it idealises the criminal It is to be deplored that a Royal Academician descended to the "Newgate Calendar."

Raeburn comes to the front with an array of canvases mirroring the staid society at Edinburgh of professors and doctors. It is a pity that Raeburn did not come to London, although Scotsmen may think otherwise. His subjects have not that cosmopolitan grace which one expects from a portrait-painter of his genius. His ambit was undoubtedly cramped. We pause at his "Henry Mackenzie" (a fine portrait, but spotted and showing signs, of wear), the author of the

BY ARTHUR HAYDEN.

"Man of Feeling," whom Scott called, without reason the "northern Addison." We see a sitter with watery blue eyes, red-lidded, and lacking that fine generosity one expects. The portraits of literary men fall short of one's expectation. Addison himself is cold and distant in his portrait

The portrait of Sir Walter Scott by Colvin Smith is an interesting item. The sitter is beginning to show signs of trouble in the lined face; the blue eyes are still keen and alert, the cheeks are still ruddy, but the lines are there, deep and furrowed. Colwin Smith has a "Scott" in the National Portrait Gallery. London, and this is one of the many replicas he made of his successful portrait

Three Russell pastels are interesting, done in 1789.

of London. Although canvases were not made to smell at, as a well-known painter said, we cannot help remarking that Gainsborough's blues were here well to the fore His deep-blue coat of the sitter is there

right enough; but, to get closer, one sees that the white cravat has slight touches of blue and the powdered hair is sprinkled with blue. It brought 3000 gns. at sale

The portrait of the Misses Horneck by Reynolds attracted attention by reason of the sitters. Catherine "Little Comedy," and Mary, "The Jessamy Bride"

so they were known in the late eighteenth century. They are cold for Reynolds, but they are sincere, almost austere portraits. There is nothing of the picturesque beauties about these two sitters. We are sure Reynolds was not fascinated by them. The painter reveals two narrow-foreheaded young women, rather repellent, and suggestive of feeble supercinousness

The Wellesley Collection of plumbago, pen-and-ink, and trait of Turner, who had exhibited at the Royal Academy eight. Of miniatures in leadpencil, plumbagos (of which, by the way, this is the first sale), the portrait of Cardinal Mazais singularly unlike the "Mazarin" engraved by Robert Nanand received tuition from Simon de Passe. He and William

other drawings and miniatures. to be sold by Messrs. Sotheby in a five days' sale commencing lune 28, wins the heart of the collector. It is rich in Cosway data and examples; it is literary in its wide expanse of portraitists, and includes littleknown exponents. It exhibits careful connoisseurship, and it has just that alluring quality which excites envy as to the possession of certain rare and beautiful examples. It seems a pity that so much love of fine things should have to be dissipated. A finely illustrated and carefully prepared catalogue suggests museum scholarship. Wherever one opens the catalogue there is a rich find. There is the portrait of Turner drawn by George Dance in pencil and water-colour, dated 1792, the earliest-known porat fifteen, and at seventeen had five exhibits, and at nineteen rin by David Loggan holds a high place. But the portrait teuil after Mignard. Loggan was born at Dantzig in 1630,

Faithorne, who studied under Nanteuil, practised the portrait ad vivum-a faithful likeness of the sitter. Engraving from the life, and plumbago or pencil drawing, were the precursors of miniatures and of Sir Joshua's canvases. A Romney in crayons of John Henderson the actor, only eight by six inches, on paper, has a strength and virility which is remarkable.

A "Charles II." to the life, by George White, on vellum, is only five by four inches, but it is a great masterpiece in plumbago—that is, graphite, now called

From Hans Holbein, with his portrait (three by four inches) of James V. of Scotland, to Sir Thomas Lawrence with his "William Pitt" (six by five inches), a pencil drawing on paper, a complete panorama of English portraitists is set forth. Second thoughts are not always best in art, and here are the white-hot drawings of great, and very great, masters of portraiture from the very life. It is a scholarly collection, making an appeal to the cultured collector, who avoids the flashy and the showy,



OLD SNUFF-BOXES AND TABLET-CASES: OBJECTS OF VERTU IN THE ASHER WERTHEIMER SALE.

was arranged that the remaining stock of French furniture, porcelain, and objects of art of the late Mr. Asher Wertheimer, of 158. New Bond Street, should be sold at Christie's on June 16 and 17. The two upper articles above are Louis XVI. tablet-cases from the Baron Schroeder Collection: the three below are gold snuff-boxes, the left and centre from the Hawkins Collection. The central one (Louis XVI. period) has classical miniatures painted in grisaille by J. shows Time and a nymph on an enamel plaque [Specially Photographed for "The Illustrated London News,"]



OF THE LOUIS XV. AND LOUIS XVI. PERIODS: SNUFF-BOXES AND TABLET-CASES IN THE ASHER WERTHEIMER SALE.

The two upper objects are Louis XVI. tablet-cases; the right (in gold, with panels of coast-scenes, and bearing the mark of Henri Clavel) from the collection of Baron Schroeder; the left (with nymphs sacrificing, painted in grisaille by Dégault) from the Hawkins Collection. Below are three snuff-boxes from the Hawkins Collection; the left, in gold, of Louis XVI., and the centre one, oval, in brown agate, of the Louis XV. period. Particulars of the sale are given under the other illustration.

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1798, and 1799-portraits of Countess d'Este, and Mrs. Morgan and Miss Morgan.

A wonderful Rembrandt of a "Lady as a Sheps" draws all the threads of art together. Here is a poetry and delicacy almost French in character. It is a nebulous figure with closed eyes and golden hair, with richly jewelled dress, holding a crook: symbolical of all shepherdesses of dreamland, wiser than the crooked simpering graces of Watteau—a wonderful and inscrutable portrait, representing Rembrandt as the idealist rather than the realist. If Aubrey Beardsley had taken to brushwork and had possessed the love of tone mysteries in lieu of line, this is what he would have painted. The picture is a tone-poem of wonderful charm. It is amazingly modern in its appeal. It is Rembrandt on a hitherto unknown plane.

Reynolds and Gainsborough jostle each other in this sale. Gainsborough's "John Taylor, Esq.," is fine. He was son of the founder of Taylor and Lloyd's Bank at Birmingham, now the well-known Lloyd's Bank

INCLUDING A "SPHINX" BUST AND GLOBULAR CLOCK: OBJETS D'ART.

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WITH HORIZONTAL REVOLVING DIALS: A GLOBE-SHAPED LOUIS XVI. CLOCK.



A BRONZE BY PIGALLE: A BOY WITH A BIRD-CAGE, ON ORMOLU PLINTH.



WITH NEPTUNE IN GILT-BRONZE, AND MERMAIDS: AN EMPIRE INK-STAND, OF BRONZE AND ORMOLU.



UPHOLSTERED IN GOBELINS TAPESTRY WOVEN WITH ANIMALS AND BIRDS; TWO OF EIGHT GILT-WOOD FAUTEUILS.

of French furniture, porcelain, and objects of art, accumulated by the late Mr. Asher Wertheimer, the famous art dealer and connoisseur, of 158, New Bond Street. It was arranged that the sale should take place at Christie's on Wednesday, June 16. We illustrate here and on the opposite page some specially attractive pieces that came under the hammer. The Dresden porcelain ewers came from the collection of Lady Margaret Charteris, the two Sevres vases from that of the Earl of Lauderdale; while the Sevres

Keen interest was aroused among art collectors by the dispersal of the remaining stock | jardinière was at different times in the possession of the late Mr. William Leveson-Gower and Miss Frances Katherine Hope. The Louis XVI. terra-cotta Sphinx is one of a pair in the sale; they originally formed the top of the balustrade of the grand 'staircase ot a château at l'Ile Adam belonging to the Condé family. The curious globe-shaped Louis XVI. clock was in the collections of the late Mr. A. H. Seymour and Lady Falle; the Pigalle bronze of a boy with a bird-cage in that of Mr. E. Beckett, M.P. The Empire ink-stand, with Neptune and mermaids, came from the Murray Scott Collection.

CAMERA NEWS: "MAY WEEK"; THE PRINCE IN FIJI: WAR MEMORIES.

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WITH STEEL GIRDERS ON HER EOWS BY WHICH THE GERMANS
TRIED TO RAISE HER: THE BLCCK-SHIP "INTREPID."



WITH A "PROCTOR" AS COX AND A CREW OF "BULLDOGS": A COMIC "RIVER POLICE" EIGHT AT CAMBRIDGE IN "MAY WEEK."



A FRENCH TRIBUTE TO NURSE CAVELL: A MEMORIAL IN THE TUILERIES GARDENS.



"HUNTER; EXPLORER, AND NATURALIST": THE SELOUS MEMORIAL.



THE PRINCE OF WALES IN FIJI: INSPECTING A NATIVE GUARD OF HONOUR AT SUVA.



LOWERING WREATHS INTO THE SEA: THE U.S. TRANSPORT "PRESI-DENT LINCOLN," TORPEDOED IN THE WAR, COMMEMORATED.



THE REVOLUTION IN MEXICO: GENERAL OBREGON (IN WHITE, WITH ONE ARM) AND HIS STAFF ENTERING MEXICO CITY.

It was reported recently that the block-ships sunk at Zeebrugge during the war—H.M.S. "Vindictive," "Intrepid," "Iphigenia," and "Thetis"—have been presented to the Belgian Government.—An amusing feature of the "May" Races at Cambridge was a comic "river police" boat manned by undergraduates attired as a Proctor (the cox) and eight Bulldogs.—A memorial to Nurse Cavell was unveiled on June 12 in the gardens of the Tulleries, in Paris. A wreath was placed on it by French nurses.—A memorial to the late Capt. Frederick C. Selous, D.S.O., was unveiled in the Natural History Museum at South Kensington, on June 10, by Viscount Grey of Fallodon. The inscription

(after the name) reads: "Hunter, Explorer and Naturalist. Born 1853. Killed in action at Beho-Beho, German East Africa, 4.1.1917."—The Prince of Wales landed at Suva, from the "Renown," on April 21, and began a busy day by reviewing a Fijian Guard of Honour. Later he was initiated as a Fijian chief at a native ceremony.—The loss of the American transport "President Lincoln," to:pedoed off the French coast in the war, was commemorated recently by a ceremony at sea off Sandy Hook. A wreath for each man lost was cast overboard from the U.S.S. "Bagatoose."—General Obregon was a leader of the Mexican revolution which overthrew the Carranza Government.

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LADIES' NEWS.

THE event of last week which caused the greatest fluttering in the dovecotes was the Court. There is nothing more conservative than a woman, and the change from three-yard trains, plumes, and veils to evening dresses might have been the change from good to evil, so exercised about it were the ladies going to Court. After all, they are now quite pleased. The dresses were lovely: there was not an old one among them, despite many jokes about the absurd paragraph stating that the Queen had said that the older the dress worn, the more warmly she would welcome the wearer. We all know that her Majesty is celebrated for her sense of the fitness of things, and that no such ridiculous sentiment had ever been voiced by her. Here it may be said that the Queen was the belle of her own Court! Perhaps that was not very fair of her; but then, it is not her fault-handsome she is, and handsomer she becomes. Then her dress was lovely. Of Princess style, it was closely embroidered net, the very lovely design carried out in the brightest iridescent beads. This reflected the light in many colours, and the Queen looked as if she were wearing a robe of bruliants. The due ribbon of the Garter crossed the bodice, and superb jewels-diamonds and pearls and emeralds-were worn. Princess Mary looked a little silver Princess in her palehued gown embroidered with silver. For the other dresses, they followed the ideas given by the drawings at the Lord Chamberlain's Office: they were graceful and dignified, and fine jewels were worn and lovely flowers were carried.

Mrs. Lloyd George presented her younger daughter at the first Court, and Miss Megan Lloyd George looked very young and very fresh and pretty in her charming presentation dress of white net embroidered in silver over shell-pink chiffon. There was a wide, soft belt of cloth of silver, and in her pretty soft brown hair was a narrow bandeau of diamonds caught with loops of silver ribbon. The Premier's wife's usual quiet taste in dress was exemplined in a gown of pale-grey soft satin embroidered in gold in a design of stripes over an under-dress of grey chiffon and net wrought with large motifs in gold.

The Marchioness of Milford Haven and the Marchioness of Cambridge went through the form of presentation on entering that rank in the British Peerage. 'Lady Milford Haven wore oxydised lace and grey satin; and Lady Cambridge, in white and gold brocade, had the bodice entirely of gold lace. The Marchioness of Londonderry, in white wrought beautifully with silver, and wearing superb



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period in some respects, and the Directoire in others—a mixture

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diamonds, presented Lady Maureen Stewart, who looked very like a younger sister, in a particularly pretty white and silver dress.

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The King and Queen visited the Royal Horse Show at Richmond on Saturday, and her Majesty had a hearty welcome in her native place—or rather, in the neighbourhood in which so much of her girlhood was passed.—A. E. L.





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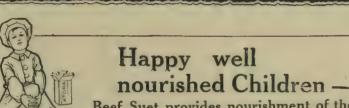
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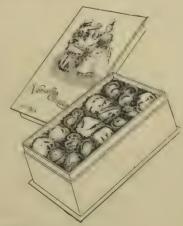
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THE WORLD OF THE THEATRE. BY J. T. GREIN.

DON'T destroy my illusions!" is a golden saying which I would frame in everybody's mental chamber, for illusions are half the charm of life. I thought of this when I saw the "Madame Sand" play at the Duke of York's Theatre. It is

play at the Duke of York's Theatre. It is not an unskilful play in its way, nor should it be approached with a high brow; it is simply bold journalism in the best American sense. To me it seemed that the author had laid hold of Mr. Francis Gribble's book, "George Sand and Her Lovers," or a kindred volume, had run through it, picked here and there a phrase, a character sketch, a silhouette, and pinned them together with sewing-machine stage-craft. And all the time I had the feeling that Mr. Moeller knew very little of the souls of his characters, and a great deal of their clothes and their mannerisms, as handed on by newspaper gossip of the time, or by memories—which moetly turn molehills of events and sayings into mountains of vital importance.

But let all that pass: it is a great task to transplant to the stage those who are almost contemporaries; it is not everybody's gift to create a Pasteur play; and perhaps some-body would say: "Then why attempt it?" which is not fair. With all its faults, this Sand play is far more interesting; than a dozen others now running in London. It stimulates imagination. You have but to scan the characters: Musset, Chopin, Liszt, and (which means a great deal to some of us) Buloz! Buloz, who to a certain extent was the maker of genius in the Second Empire, who had a literary flair and a commercial sense unrivalled, who by one article accepted in the Revue des Deux Mondes could make a man famous! I wonder how many among the first-nighters saw anything more in Buloz's character than an ordinary newspaper "boss"!

But where Mr. Moeller fails is in despoiling us of our illusions. George Sand was not a regular courtesan, in breeches and smoking big cigars, with the instinct of an interviewer who says at every good thing he hears: "Capital copy!" and marks it down. She was an amoureuse of high culture, a charmer of men more by the word even than by her graces, a thinker, a plodder, a worker;

one who worshipped form and style, and would polish her work in wakeful nights until it glittered like flawless brilliants. In the play she is merely farcicalQuartier Latin reminiscent of Murger's Mimi. As for De Musset, though he was enacted as beautifully by Mr. Basil Rathbone as George Sand by Mrs Patrick Campbell, was he merely wormwood and wishy-washyness? Was there nothing of the poet in him in his intervals of control? The main vision of the play is the



"A LASTING MEMORIAL OF COMMON EFFORT AND COMMON SACRIFICE": THE KING DECLARING OPEN THE IMPERIAL WAR MUSEUM AND VICTORY EXHIBITION AT THE CRYSTAL PALACE.

The King opened the Imperial War Museum and Victory Exhibition at the Crystal Palace on June 9. "To us it stands," he said, "not for a group of trophies won from a beaten enemy, not for a symbol of the pride of victory, but as an embodiment and a lasting memorial of common effort and common sacrifice." On the dais near his Majesty may be seen the Queen, Prince Albert (Duke of York), Princess Beatrice, and Prince and Princess Arthur of Connaught. In the group in the right foreground is the Duke of Connaught.

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spectacle of a man, evidently recovering from a night of cups, emerging from a four-poster while his mistress is making love to his doctor. To think of it, and then to

go to the bookshelf and pick a volume of the "Nuits'! Again, to think of Heinrich Heine (another cameo of acting), distinguished of tongue, yet with a penchant towards gluttony, and the table manners entirely foreign to one so refined in taste, so critical of others, so wholly Parisianised that he transformed his own

language to unapproachable grace! To think of Liszt, the dreamer, the charmer, the ethereal, the exquisite courtier, re-moulded by the dramatist into a comic busybody, and thus played by Hector Abbas with real humour! There is but one whom we meet without feeling the pain of destroyed illusions. That was the Chopin, a picture in Mr. Samson's delicate emotion. Here, at length, we felt what might have been if Mr. Moeller had applied imagination instead of craft. He, in his almost angelic eeriness, came into this crowd of depoetised figures as something supernatural. He, in his short scene with George Sand, when she beguiled him as she beguiled Musset and the doctor, with the manner of a grisette, stood aloof and alone. We seemed to hear his music, we seemed to recognise him; for he, in image and parlance, vitalised the figure as it hovers in our thought. Yet we came away in a strange spirit of disappointment, in spite of having been entertained. The play had rent our

Three impressions remain predominant after a vision of the new Alhambra revue. It is emphatically a one-man show; there are two unforgettable scenes, and there is the dancing of—Miss Phyllis Bedells.

Mr. George Robey carries this huge structure like an Atlas. When he is on the stage, there is gaiety—not overwhelming as yet, but Robey has but to wink an eye or lift an eyebrow, and the public is pleased. He is loyally helped by Miss St. Helier, a charming, very painstaking artist who has fine notes in her voice, who works with a will, but who has not that magnetism of, say, an Ethel Levey or a Violet Loraine. Somehow, between her and Mr. Robey, there is collaboration but not assimilation. It would appear as though Miss St, Helier is somewhat abashed when she plays with Mr. Robey—he who is always playing with the unexpected, who invents humour when the librettist leaves him in the lurch.

Of the two scenes, the Palace of Haroun al Raschid is like a leaf from the Arabian Nights. In the subdued light there is dreaminess in the costumes; there

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is rare discretion of undertone. The groups are magnificent, almost sculptural, and the dancing of Miss Phyllis Bedells is wholly delightful. She is now the English ballet-dancer par excellence, and she should not be compared with the Russian dancers. By any other name Miss Phyllis Bedells would betray that she is English to the core in the most graceful sense of the word. She, too, wafts through the air like Pavlova; but it is a different agility, it is less ethereal, also less studied. Miss Bedells loses herself entirely in her work: she loves it; she smiles with all her limbs as well as with her face; she makes one think of old-world merry-making in Merrie England. Her art is simple,



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and although her technique is perfect it is never obtrusive. It grows on one, and, if it does not literally take one's breath away, it leaves an impression of something exceedingly fragrant, girlish, young, sincere.

And then there is the scene at Versailles—Versailles as it lives in history in France's golden age, with the stateliness of its buildings, the glittering play of its fountains, the exquisiteness of hoop and wig, the daintiness of manner and hypnotising charm of the minuet! It is almost a pity that at a certain moment Mr. Robey forgets his Louis XV. and indulges in the accents of Cockaigne. It was so beautiful as it was in its reminiscence of an age of grace. Now modern

notes seemed to jar; it made one think of the Revolutionary crowd descerating the royal palaces of Louis XVI. when he was ousted from the Tuileries. If I had been the producer I would have left this lovely vision of glorious Versailles alone, in all its glory.

THE PLAYHOUSES.

"JOHNNY JONES AND HIS SISTER SUE," AT THE ALHAMBRA,

HEAVY burden is laid on the shoulders of Mr. George Robey, magnetic comedian though he is, in the latest Alhambra programme: for in "Johnny Jones and his Sister Sue," he is expected to live up to, if not eclipse, "Bing-Boy" memories, and in essaying so hard a task he can no longer count on Miss Violet Loraine as a partner. For this resourceful actress, who can really hold the stage, Miss Ivy St. Helier, with all her daintiness, is no sufficient substitute: her talent is on too small a scale. There is, to be sure, pretty dancing from Miss Phyllis Bedells, and Mr. Cuvillier offers a characteristically tuneful score. But the duty of providing the bulk of the fun-and, next to pictorial effects, fun is needed most in Alhambra revue-rests with Mr. Robey; and his librettist, Mr. Vernon, has not equipped him with over-much material-imitating what has served in the past instead of striking out a new line. No doubt, in process of time, the "Minister of Mirth" will collect his own straw, and then offer slabs of humour as good as any already to his credit. Meantime, he has one exhilarating piece of business in pantomime, wherein he puts on the gloves to face a Paris boxing champion, and is knocked out only to discover himself transformed into Louis Quinze. That makes a visit to the Alhambra worth any one's while, and Mr. Robey has other moments, and will have more.

"THE BEGGAR'S OPERA," AT THE LYRIC, HAMMERSMITH.

To those who love historical and literary associations, it must seem at once quaint and delightful that what Swift inspired, and Pope watched a-making—Gay's



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"Newgate pastoral" of "The Beggar's Opera" should give unstinted pleasure to twentieth-century audiences. Even its allusions to politics, far from being stale, seem to have a special point to-day, for whereas contemporary playgoers insisted on recognising Walpole and Townshend in the two rogues who fall out, Peachum and Lockit, modern malcontents can identify the pair with living counterparts according to their party bias. If the fun in this comic drama of knavery still gets across the footlights, neither have the airs lost their charm. Mr. Frederic Austin, the Peachum in Mr. Nigel Playfair's production at the Lyric, Hammersmith, has two hundred years later arranged and orchestrated the score, with regard to the instrumental resources of the period. Mr. Ranalow makes a most spirited villain-hero of Macheath, at his best-in telling us how happy he could be with either "charmer"; and he and the dainty Polly, Miss Sylvia Nelis, provide, perhaps, the musical treat of the evening in their rendering of "Over the Hills."



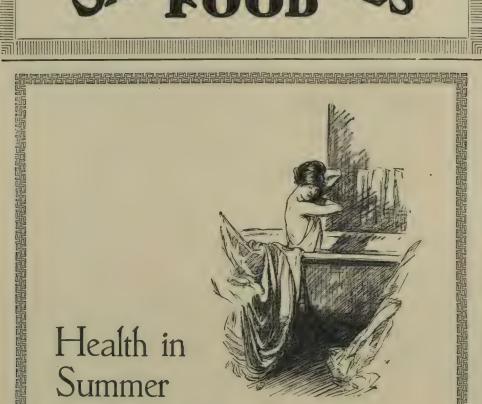


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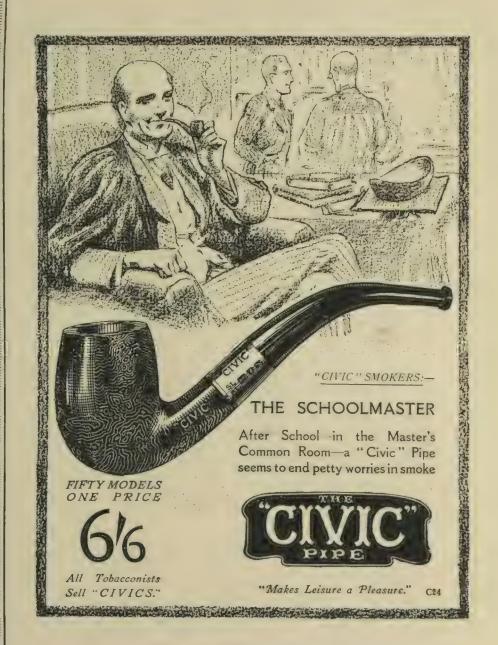
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O H LABONE (Barrow-in-Furness) .- We are very pleased to receive the

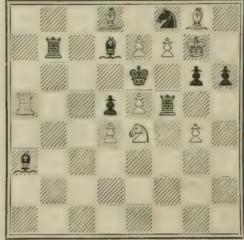
game, and hope to publish it in an early number. A W LUYENDYK (Winkler, Manitoba).-Thanks for letter and enclosure.

PROBLEMS RECEIVED WITH THANKS from A M Sparke and W R Kinsey. CORRECT SOLUTION OF PROBLEM No. 3828 received from J V Semik (Prague) of No. 3832 from K D Ghose (Simla); of No. 3835 from Henry A Seller (Denver, U.S.A.), and John F Wilkinson (Ramleh, Egypt); of No. 3836 from J Paul Taylor (Exeter), Commander T L S Garrett, R.N.R. (Newcastle-on-Tyne), Léon Rylski (Belfast), E M Vicars (Norwich), Major Deykin (Edgbaston), J T Palmer (Church), G H Betts (Bradneld College),

W C D Smith (Northampton), and J C Stackhouse (Torquay). CORRECT SOLUTIONS OF PROBLEM No. 3837 received from H Grasett Baldwin (Farnham), J S Forbes (Brighton), Joseph Willcock (Southampton), H Maxwell Prideaux (Plymouth), G Stillingfleet Johnson (Cobham), A H H (Bath), and Arthur J Sims (Manchester).

PROBLEM No. 3838.—By H. T. Asche.

BLACK.



WHITE

SOLUTION OF PROBLEM No. 3836.—By F. W. R. LEISTIKOW. White to play, and mate in two moves.

BLACK

Any move.

2. Mates accordingly.

Mr. Norman T. Whitaker, who conducted White's forces in our game of this week, and to whom we are indebted for the score, is a wellknown American amateur, who visited Europe in 1908 and 1910 as one of three representatives of United States colleges to play matches with the Old World universities. Black needs no introduction, except that he is not to be confused with his namesake, who nominally holds the World's Championship. The game itself is the first recorded one to be played by wireless telegraphy, and the notes are Mr. Whitaker's, slightly abridged.

CHESS BY WIRELESS TELEGRAPHY.

Played between Mr. Norman T WHITAKER, at the Capitol City Chess Club, Washington, and Mr. Edward Lasker, at the Illinois Athletic Club, Chicago.

(Centre Counter Gambit.)

WHITE (Mr. W.) BLACK (Mr. L.) WHITE (Mr. W.) BLACK (Mr. L.) 13. P to B 3rd B to K 2nd r. P to K 4th P to Q 4th 14. Kt to Kt 3rd B to Kt 3rd 2. P takes P Kt to KB 3rd 3. B to Kt 5th (ch) 15. Q to R 4th

P takes P

P to Q 3rd

stronger.

9. Castles

10. B to K 3rd

7. Kt to Q B 3rd

B to Q B 4th

Schlechter and Tarrasch criticised

7 B to K 3rd as weak, and suggested

Kt to K B 3rd instead. The text-

move, however, is submitted as even

8. Kt to B 3rd B to K Kt 5th

Ir. Kt to K 4th Kt to Q 4th

12. P to K R 3rd B to K R 4th

Castles

Q Kt to Q 2nd

B to Kt 5th

Kt takes B 16. P takes Kt Q to Kt 3rd This is probably stronger than the Kt to B 4th 17. R to B 2nd usual continuation by P to Q 4th. 18. Q to B 2nd Kt to Q 2nd P to B 3rd 19. P to K 4th P takes P B to B 4th P to K 4th

A trap to tempt the obvious reply of B to Q B 4th, after which P to Q 4th, and the subsequent exchanges would lead to the winning of the K. The same position occurred in the by R to Q sq.

brilliancy game, Mieses v. Tartakower, Carlsbad Tourney, 1908. White then 200, K to R sq. B to Q B 4th played 7. B to K 3rd, B takes B; 21. R to K 2nd K to R sq B to K 6th 8. P takes P, Q to Kt 3rd, etc. Both 22. Kt to R 4th 23. Kt takes B (ch)

Under pressure of time this was thought wiser than Kt to B 5th, as Black is now left with a very inferior Pawn position. White could further force an exchange of Queens by 24. Q to Kt 3rd, but, in face of the reply, B to B 5th, he considered this premature.

R P takes Kt Black's object is to advance his 23. R to K B sq B to B 5th KBP, which would give him an en- 25. R to B 3rd Q to B 2nd

during attack. White answers on The game having lasted for 4% hours, the principle that the best defence is was here referred to arbitration; but a counter-attack, and after thoroughly there can be no doubt of the result. protecting himself on the King's side, White has both a material and posipushes at Black's weak spot, P at tional advantage, and as long as he avoids changing Kt for Kt, he must ultimately win.

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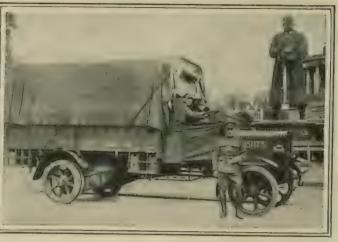
Left-Hand Drive on British Roads.

Quite a considerable controversy has arisen over the question of whether cars with left-hand drive

should be allowed on our roads. This appears to be developing into a strong demand that they should be prohibited, on account of the alleged danger arising from their use. I have driven several cars with the steering-wheel and controls on the left and while I do not mind them on the open road, I agree that they are far from easy in heavy traffic. It is obviously impossible to get a proper view of meeting vehicles. One pulls out to pass a slow-moving van, which obscures direct vision, only to find that something is coming in the reverse direction, and there is a hurried tuck in behind the van. Apart from the actual danger of collision, the strain on one's nerves is by no means slight, and to drive a lefthanded car all day in town is an experience that I confess I should not like too often. Not only so, but I have found that judgment of distance when meeting other traffic is difficult; and where, as in driving in London, the amount of space to spare is often to be

measured in inches, it is obvious that the margin between safety and accident is greatly reduced. Moreover, one cannot get away from the number of untoward occurrences which have happened lately in which it has been made clear that the left-hand drive has been at the bottom of the accident. With every desire to be as impartial as possible, I cannot avoid the conclusion that left-hand drive does introduce an extra element of danger when compared with the orthodox design in which control is exercised from the right or off-side of the car. On the whole, therefore, I am disposed to agree with those who call for prohibition of the type. Unfortunately, the standard of driving is not so high as it was before the war, and when we have the combination of careless, unskilful driver and left-hand steering, it seems to invite trouble.

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> already own vehicles of this type, or who have ordered them in the belief that their use is perfectly legal, if legislation is to be undertaken notice should be given at once. Nor need it be made retrospective, though that is undoubtedly a matter for fuller discussion. It is understood that the Departmental Committee on the Taxation and Regulation of Motor Vehicles is to inquire into and report to the Ministry of Transport on the matter, so that there may be a definite pronouncement before long. It should not be delayed for a moment longer than necessary.

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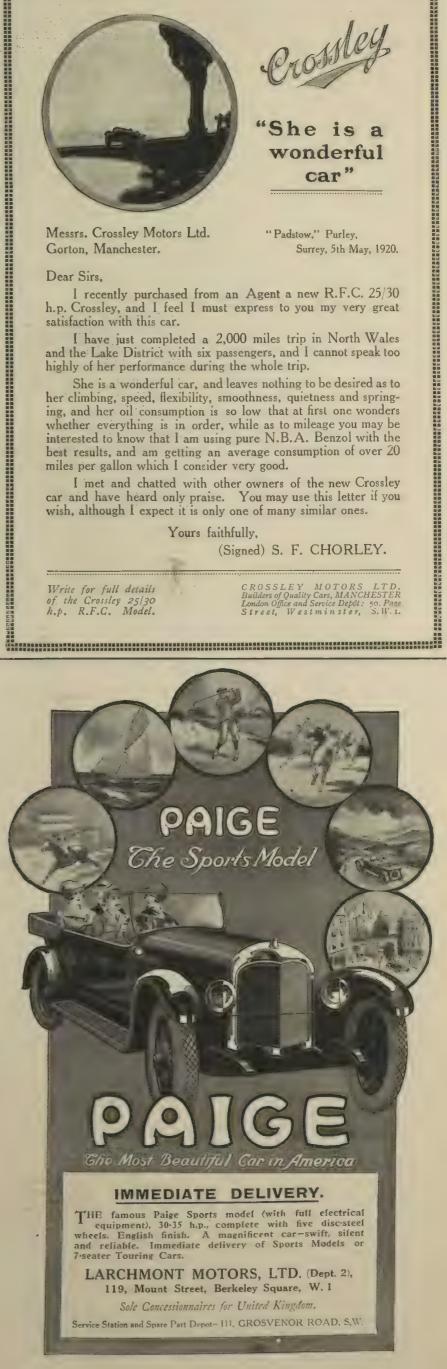
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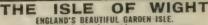
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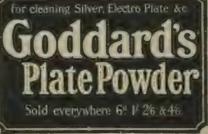
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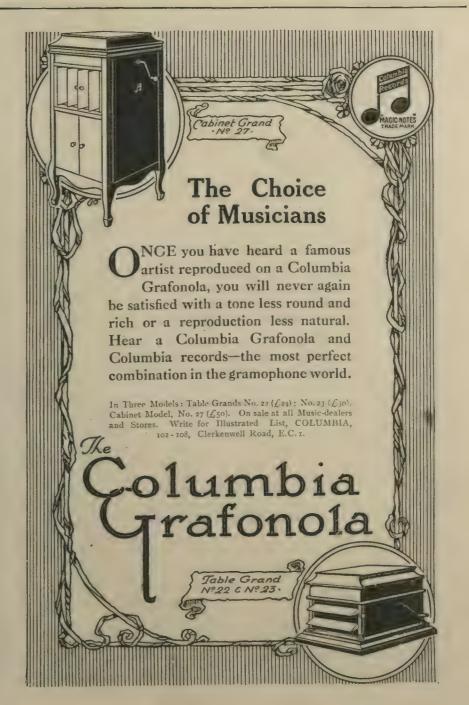
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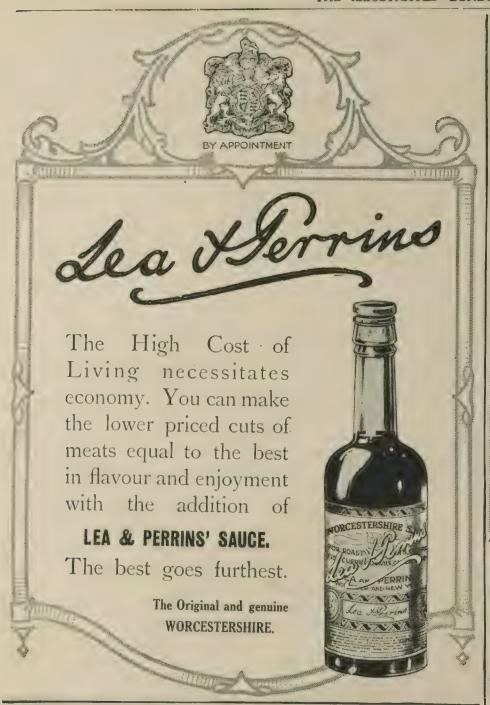
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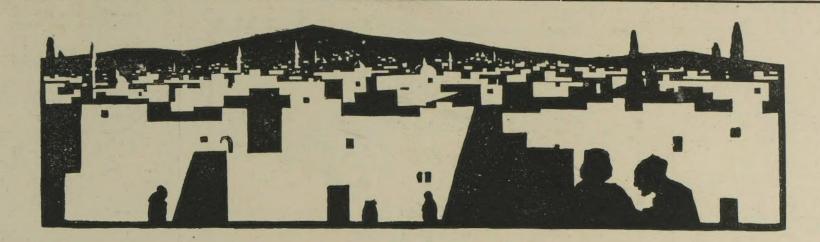
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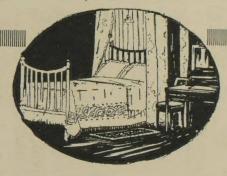
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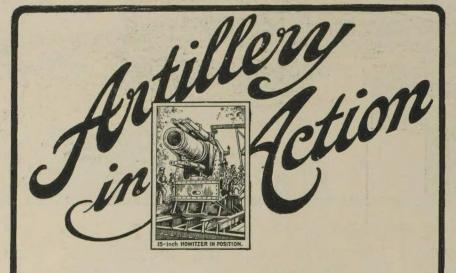
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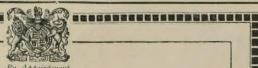
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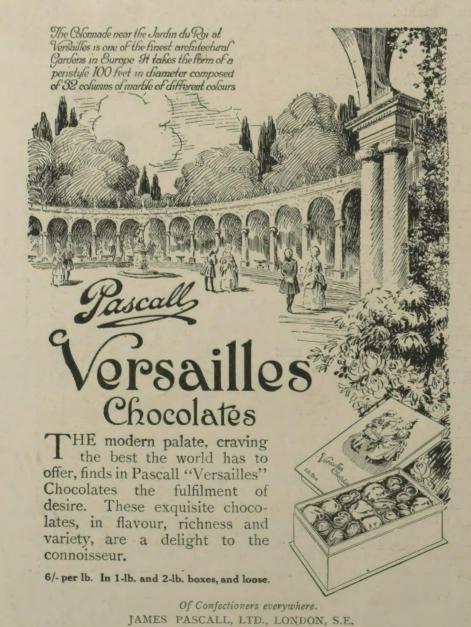


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